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MEASURE TERMED "BIGGEST VENTURE IN GOV'T CONTROL OF PRIVATE BUSINESS EVER ATTEMPTED IN THIS COUNTRY"

Price Ceiling Is Now In Effect

Certain Exemptions May Enable Processors Pay Higher Prices to Farmers, Fishermen

Godbout Mentioned Among Speculations For Lapointe Vacancy in Federal Cabinet

— THE WEEK IN OTTAWA —

Specially Written for the Watchman
By ALAN HARVEY, Canadian Press Staff Writer

Ottawa, Dec. 2, (CP) — The Wartime Prices and Trade Board still takes first place in the news as it moves ahead with administration of the price ceiling program — biggest venture into governmental control of private business ever attempted in Canada.

The plan under which maximum prices for a wide variety of goods and services are based on the highest prices charged during the basic period Sept. 15 to Oct. 11 came into effect Monday and brought in its wake a number of announcements of wide interest to every Canadian.

Even now, full details and scope of the plan have not been disclosed. There will necessarily be many problems to work out. The men directing the plan acknowledge that mistakes will be inevitable—and these will have to be rectified as they appear.

Donald Gordon, new chairman of the board has issued several appeals for co-operation by Canadians at large. Last week he asked a meeting of Canadian publishers to assist the fight against rising living costs by educating public opinion to the dangers of inflation.

Greenstuff Exception

As far as the consumer is concerned, the only exceptions to the general price-ceiling rule announced immediately were on fresh fruits, vegetables and greenhouse products.

Another exception which does not affect the consumer but may be of assistance to primary producers is the exemption of a wide range of farm products and fish sold by the producer to a processor or manufacturer.

By leaving these products outside the scope of the plan, the Wartime Prices and Trade Board has made it possible for processors to pay higher prices to farmers and fishermen than those prevailing during the basic period.

In effect it is left up to the processor or manufacturer to decide whether the increased prices will be paid, but board officials have intimated action may be taken to protect primary producers from any move intended to force down the value of their goods because of the ceiling on such goods in their manufactured or processed form.

Cabinet Vacancy

The death of Justice Minister Lapointe leaves a vacancy in the cabinet which will be most difficult to fill. Mr. Lapointe for many years was the recognized leader of French Canada in the cabinet. Prime Minister Mackenzie King in a tribute to his long-time colleague said he was a statesman "the country could ill-afford to lose."

Mr. Lapointe's death, coupled with the report that State Secretary Casgrain may be appointed to the bench, has aroused speculation on Parliament Hill over probable appointees to cabinet posts.

The names most often heard in this connection are those of Mon. Philippe Brais, leader in the Quebec legislative council; Premier Adelard Godbout of Quebec; Brig. G. P. Vanier, former Canadian minister to France; and Maj.-Gen. L. F. LaFleche, associate deputy minister of National War Services.

Pegging Salaries

The wages stabilization scheme, part of the general anti-inflationary campaign, moved forward with Finance Minister Ilsley's announcement the government has approved a wartime salaries order placing wage earners and salaried workers together in the controlled-income class. The new order provides that no employer shall increase salaries above the most recent rate established and payable on or before Nov. 6.

Under the order salaries are defined to include bonuses and all other forms of income received from the employer. Adjustment and probably cancellation of increases which went into effect since Nov. 6 probably will be necessitated by the order, Mr. Ilsley said.

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This Was Lindbergh's Home in England !



Little children — lots of them — now play happily in the lovely grounds of this picturesque 15th century house in Kent. It was the home of Colonel Lindbergh, now No. 1 Isolationist of the U.S.A., when he sought and found peace in England two years before the outbreak of the war. Fifty children are housed here, all under five years old, all little evacuees from bombed districts in London.

Company Inspectors Make Survey of Fire Protection Facilities, Village of B'bg

Give Report on Equipment Needed; Brigade Now Busy Raising Funds

To complete the re-organization of Brownsburg Fire Brigade with the necessary equipment, members of the force are holding a drawing by which they hope to raise sufficient funds for this purpose.

Fire Chief Gaston Ampleman — who divides his duties also in the role of Police Chief and appears enthusiastic in both — reports several gifts have been received and many more are promised toward the equipping of the brigade. Donations to date include $15 from the Rev. Father Bouchard, two gas masks from G. I. McFaul and two firemen's hats from A. Fassio.

A thorough survey of the village fire protection facilities has been conducted by the C-I-L Fire Inspection Department, and a helpful report has been returned to Mayor G. Ball. A list of required equipment, included with this report, shows ample justification for the drive being launched by the village fire force. Among other items needed, the following are mentioned:

Combination wood and metal cutting saw, shingle spade, six tarpaulins for hose protection and salvage work, one pair rubber gloves, one pair of insulated wire cutters, one Detroit door opener, one trickle charger (for truck battery), one 500 g.p.m. front mounted fire pump, one 100 gallon booster tank, 200 feet of booster hose, 600 feet of 2½" dia. fire hose C.R.L., 200 feet of 1½" dia. fire hose C.R.L., two 1½" dia. shut-off nozzles, one 2½ x 1½ "Y", one 40 ft. extension fire ladder, one 22 ft. wall fire ladder, two pair of folding hooks for roof ladders, one 8 ft. folding ladder, two 5 gallon pump tanks, one 1 gallon carbontetrachloride fire gun, one distributing nozzle, sufficient hose keys and belts to allow one for each man, roller for tower, 18" of chain and a hook, a quantity of ¼" x 1¼" flat stock for hose rails, four electric head lamps, one blackboard for instruction purposes.

These articles, in addition to necessary clothing for members of the brigade, present a sizeable objective for the fund launched this week. Any gifts from citizens to aid in this work will be warmly received by the Fire Chief and his men.

Hear Outline of 'Ceiling' Policy

CHAIRMAN OF BOARD BRINGS ECONOMICS "DOWN TO EARTH"

PUBLISHERS INVITED TO CONFER WITH GOVMT. ADMINISTRATORS

One of the most important gatherings of journalists was a conference held in Ottawa last week when over 200 members of the Fourth Estate responded to the invitation of the Government to discuss the "price ceiling policy", aimed to stem the tide of inflation. The response of the newspapers—many representatives coming from long distances at their own expense—evidenced their keen desire to co-operate with the Government. They gathered to hear Hon. Mr. Ilsley, Minister of Finance, and Donald Gordon, chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, explain the curb on rising prices, and how the plan was to be worked out.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King, with many members of his cabinet, was on hand to welcome the publishers and editors, and remained throughout the day actively participating in the discussions — to the extent that many were drawn to a more kindly attitude, for he unfolded the reasons for seeming reticence in handing out certain information, to which the press felt it was entitled. The Premier gave his opinion that more meetings of this kind might well mean less friction and misunderstanding, and evoke a kind of criticism that would be more useful and constructive.

A digest of Mr. Gordon's talk on the new "ceiling" legislation is presented on page three of this issue.

Bank Manager Goes to Kingston

W. D. STEWART, BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA, GETS PROMOTION

CURLING CLUB PRESIDENT HAS HOST OF FRIENDS IN COMMUNITY

The removal of W. D. Stewart, local Bank of Nova Scotia manager, to the branch at Kingston, Ont. —a city of 30,000 population — will deprive Lachute of a popular townsman and one who has been most active in community circles. Since coming to this town four years ago from Kemptville, Ont., Mr. Stewart has been a member and office holder in many organizations. He is president of the Lachute Curling Club this season, vice-president of the Lions Club, a Past Noble Grand of Laurentian Lodge I.O.O.F., a member of the Golf Club, Citizens' Committee, Fair Directorate and other groups.

Mrs. Stewart, who has shared her husband's zeal in the social life of the community, has been vice-president of the Ladies' Curling Club this year; she will be succeeded by Mrs. Ralph McOuat. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are also members of the Presbyterian Church, and their presence will be greatly missed among these numerous bodies and organizations. They have been entertained by many friends on their departure.

Mr. Stewart, who leaves for his new position next week, will be replaced by W. M. Steeves, of Oxford, N.S., as manager of the bank in Lachute.



W. D. STEWART
manager of the Nova Scotia Bank, Lachute, who has received a transfer to Kingston, Ont.

"Modern warfare is measured in terms of industrial productivity."
—Fiorello H. La Guardia

MAGISTRATE SITS AS RENTALS COMMISSIONER

Judge D. Lalonde, recently appointed Commissioner of Rentals for this district, began Tuesday to hear petitions on rental differences as between landlord and tenant in this area affected by the Government's rent control legislation.

The Tuesday sessions were devoted entirely to applications lodged by Horace Lafleur, Lachute landlord, who is petitioning the Board to approve various rental increases which were made on May 1, 1941.

Judgment was reserved on all applications.

Fernand Legault appeared for Mr. Lafleur, whilst Georges H. Héon and Maurice Paquin acted for the various tenants.

GIVES JUDGMENT IN ACTION FOR REPAIRS TO TRADE-IN CAR

A case of more than usual interest to automobile owners was heard before Magistrate D. Lalande in Lachute on Monday.

Suit was taken by a Brownsburg automobile dealer, John Mason, against W. H. Henderson, to recover the price of repairs to a used car which Mason accepted in part payment for a 1939 Dodge. The plaintiff alleged that he could not complete the transaction because Henderson had given incorrect figures as to amounts owing to Consumers' Finance, and that Henderson should pay for the repairs made to the traded-in car by Mason, because defendant had profited by these repairs. In defence, Henderson pleaded that he had given correct figures as to the Finance Company's lien, that the dealer had not been authorized to make the repairs, and that if he had executed such repairs, they had been done to the profit of the dealer himself for purposes of resale.

The defence of Henderson was upheld by the Magistrate and the plaintiff's action rejected with costs, "sauf à se pourvoir".

Georges H. Heon, Lachute attorny, appeared for Henderson.

LACHUTE RED CROSS REPORTS SHIPMENTS

Lachute Branch of the Red Cross Society reports the following shipment of supplies to headquarters in Montreal during the months of October and November: 543 knitted articles, 19 kits for 8-year-old girls (304 articles), 45 articles for the Women's Auxiliary Service Corps, 63 conservation articles, 5 extras, not for kits, 338 hospital supplies and 9 donations, making a total of 1396.

This week's shipment will complete a quota of 60 turtle-neck sweaters for the navy, as well as 40 pairs knickers, 20 pairs ankle socks, 30 pairs gloves, 30 helmets and 50 pairs knee-length stockings for the Women's Auxiliary Service. Although these were the amounts asked for by headquarters, many extras were made.

Two Young Drowning Victims 14-Year-Old Skaters, Buried

Tragedy Occurred Sunday Afternoon on West River; Jury Gives 'Accidental' Verdict

BODIES RECOVERED IN 10 FEET OF WATER

A large crowd of sympathizing citizens gathered at St. Julien Parish Church, Lachute Mills, to attend the funeral rites at 8.30 and 9.30 o'clock yesterday morning for the two young victims of Sunday's drowning tragedy — Hermile Morrissette and Réné Lapierre, both 14 years of age. The former was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Morrissette; the latter the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elie Lapierre, Lachute Mills residents.

The two lads, with five other youngsters, had been skating all afternoon on the ice of the West River, well above the McGibbon sawmill. At about four o'clock young Morrissette was seen to crash through thin ice, and Lapierre following about five feet behind also fell through the gaping hole. Their companions could not approach near enough to give assistance, and they saw the young victims sink three times before disappearing beneath the surface.

Meanwhile help had been summoned, and the lads' fathers with neighboring citizens launched boats and searched the river, armed with long pike poles procured from the nearby sawmill. Less than an hour after the tragedy the bodies were found by two searchers, Ovila Racine and Leo Mariniere.

Coroner W. F. McMartin, M.D., was notified of the tragedy; the bodies were removed to the Joly Undertaking Parlors where an inquest was held Sunday evening. Evidence was given by two of the boys' chums, Jean-Lys Millette and Réjan Demers, who had been skating with them on the river, and by Racine and Mariniere, who found the bodies in 10 feet of water.

The jurors returned a verdict of accidental death by drowning, in each case.

Traffic Officer A. Leger and Detective Albert Oggier made an investigation of the tragedy.

"Every dictator who has ascended to power has climbed on the ladder of free speech and free press and then suppressed all free speech except his own."
—Herbert Hoover

STEAL SACRED VESSELS

London (CP) — Dispatches from Italy, telling of wholesale thievery in the wake of increased poverty, quote the Bishop of Milan as ordering all sacred vessels locked "in a safe place" so they cannot be stolen.

TOWN COUNCIL AND W.I. TO COLLABORATE IN SALVAGE DRIVE

The regular meeting of Lachute Town Council was held in the town hall last evening. Mayor H. Lamarche presided, and Aldermen F. S. McGibbon, E. Prevost, A. Rochon, J. Speight, W. Morrissette, R. Muir, L. St. Jacques, A. Scott and S. Holt were in attendance.

At the request of the Mayor one minute's silence was observed in memory of the late lamented Hon. Ernest Lapointe, and on motion of Ald McGibbon, seconded by Ald. Prevost, the secretary was instructed to send a letter of condolence to the bereaved family.

The secretary read a communication in connection with salvage and Ald. McGibbon reported that the Women's Institute had agreed to a thorough canvass of the town to explain the necessity of saving waste material, which would then be collected by the corporation and the proceeds turned over to the Institute for the purpose of providing cigarettes for boys serving overseas.

Complaints were made of gasoline odors arising from certain sewer mains, and the town officer was instructed to notify all service station and garage operators to exercise care that no gas be allowed to enter municipal sewers.

A letter was received from Miss Y. Marcil notifying the town of injuries received from a fall on the sidewalk on November 12. The letter was laid over for further consideration.

Adjournment of council was made, until Wednesday, December 17.

Former Mayor Gravely Injured

PETER DOBBIE SUFFERS CONCUSSION AND RIB FRACTURES

FELL SIX FEET THROUGH HOLE IN HAY-MOW AT HIS SON'S FARM

A 73-year-old citizen and former mayor of this town, Peter Dobbie, suffered severe injuries in a fall while visiting a son, John Dobbie, at his farm in Harrington last Wednesday. He is now in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, where he is reported to be making good progress.

Ever active and anxious to lend assistance, Mr. Dobbie went to the stable Wednesday afternoon when the men appeared late in returning for the chores. John Dobbie found him there later in a semi-conscious state, where he had fallen into a hole cut through the hay-mow above a trap door. Fortunately the door had been fastened, but Mr. Dobbie, walking over the mow in the unlighted barn, had fallen six feet into the hole, striking his head. He was at first believed to have suffered a fractured skull. A doctor and nurse were summoned to attend him, and on Friday he was taken to hospital. In spite of severe concussion and fracture of three ribs, he is now reported to be holding his own.

Besides his service as alderman and mayor in Lachute, Mr. Dobbie had previously been mayor of the Township of Harrington. Owing to ill-health he retired two or three years ago from his employment with the P. & A. McGibbon lumber firm here in Lachute.

DISTRICT DEPUTY VISITS LIONS CLUB

A visit from District Deputy, Dave Emery, of Montreal, was responsible for a full attendance of members of the Lachute Lions Club at their dinner in Desjardins Hotel on Tuesday night. Another important guest was Roger Martel, President of the Montreal Junior Chamber of Commerce. Lion President Gaetan Valois presided over the meeting and introduced both speakers, the first of whom gave an inspiring talk on "Fellowship" and its bearing on Lionism. "Dave" complimented the Lachute Club on the splendid work they were doing and suggested that the local club should pay more frequent fraternal visits with their neighboring clubs.

Mr. Martel gave an insight into the work of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, whose organization in Montreal boasts of 1,697 members. One of their study groups visited the Ayers Plant two years ago and were greatly impressed. Their motto is to try and build for tomorrow and mature the best men for vision and leadership.

Thanks were tendered the speakers by Lion J. W. McGibbon, M.P. and Lion Ernest Deslauriers.

President Valois expressed regret at the departure of Lion Bill Stewart, who has been transferred to the Bank of Nova Scotia at Kingston, Ont. An active worker in the Club, he will be missed in the community and the membership extends felicitations in his promotion.

Enact Drama by Leonard Young

CHOSEN BY DRAMATIC COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN NEW YORK

PLAY WAS WRITTEN AT SUMMER HOME IN CUSHING

A weekly bulletin issued in connection with St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City, gives information that a play written by Leonard Young, organist and worker of that church, was selected by the Religious Drama Council of the Greater New York Federation of Churches as the play to be performed for their Christmas demonstration program, on November 26. The title of the play is "Light". The news-paragraph further states: "This play creates in its hearers a certain note of expectancy, which helps to make Christmas mean what it should." The performance was a notable success.

It is of special interest here to note that Mr. Young's dramatic themes are written at the summer home which he occupies each season at Cushing. He has no time to write in New York, his moments being completely occupied with the details of his particular job. His several plays have therefore been linked with this countryside; they may indeed have found their inspiration in the happy surroundings of the Ottawa Valley.

MEN'S CLUB IS INAUGURATED

A men's social club was inaugurated Tuesday night by a number of Brownsburg workers, residing in both Lachute and Brownsburg, for the purpose of helpful discussion on current topics. The meeting, taking the form of a supper gathering at Desjardins Hotel, Lachute, was the first in a fortnightly series of such gatherings to be addressed by guest speakers. There were 62 gentlemen present, who appointed Bain Currie as their president and Lloyd Bruce as secretary-treasurer. The fortnightly programs will be in the hands of various committees appointed for that purpose.

This opening assembly was addressed by the Rev. Thos. Lamont assistant minister at Erskine and American United Church, Montreal. Mr. Lamont spoke on "The Democratic Idea and Ideal", translating democracy into the attitude and activities desirable among everyday Canadians.

THE WATCHMAN IS WELL LOOKED OVER IN NEWFOUNDLAND

A letter received by The Watchman from Alfred Miller, former Lachute resident now in Newfoundland, states as follows:

"It was a pleasant surprise for me, today, when opening a bundle of Ottawa papers, to find a couple of Watchmans enclosed by my wife from Ottawa — and they are being well looked over, as we have quite a few local boys here. The old home town looks real good on paper when we are so far away . . . Remember me to the Lachute folks".

Alfred Miller, employed here for many years in the former R. McFaul store, is in Newfoundland on business with a Montreal contracting firm, presently engaged on government construction.

FIELD MARSHAL'S THANKS

Cape Town, (CP)—On being presented with the field-marshal's baton on behalf of the king, Prime Minster Jan Christian Smuts said he wished "to express my profound sympathy to his Majesty for the way he has honored not only myself personally but this dear country of ours".

ABROAD SICK WITH PAY

London (CP) — British merchant seamen won a 20-year fight for pay while sick in foreign ports, when ship owners agreed to pay full wages, less war risk bonus, of men left abroad for a maximum period of 12 weeks.

WHERE HAIR GROWS GREY

London (CP) — It is not unusual for naval officers' hair to go from jet black to grey-white within 13 months, says a new book "Life Line" published with approval of the Admiralty.

Correction, Spitfire Gift

Through a misunderstanding, in last week's issue a report of the Spitfire drawing at Brownsburg credited Mrs. E. L. Johnson as donor of the prize, a piano. This generous gift, however, was donated by Mrs. W. Lonsdale.

GET BRANDY RATION

Cairo, (CP) — South African troops on service in "the Western desert" of North Africa are served periodically with a two-ounce ration of pure South African brandy.

Beware the Undertow !

Hitler said he would dictate peace terms to Britain in Buckingham Palace on August 5, 1940.

Hitler said he would take Moscow within three weeks of June 22, 1941.

Hitler said five or six weeks ago that the most momentous event of the war would be reached in 48 hours — meaning the utter defeat of Russia.

Hitler is the most colossal liar and the shrewdest propagandist of all time. Nazi dive bombers and Blitz Buggies don't strike until the propaganda time-bombs, set by the Hitler gang, are ready to go off.

Nazi agents are planting their lies all over North and South America. There are lots of them sowing the seeds of discord and suspicion right here in Canada.

These are quiet, wise looking guys who throw out the suggestion that gasoline saving is not necessary; that it's a frame-up. In whose interest is it to make Canadians suspicious and keep them from saving gas when Britain asks us to help her by doing so? And how could German agents in Canada serve Hitler better than by casting suspicion upon the gasoline saving campaign?

The same quiet, wise looking guys who sit in hotel lounges, beer parlors, train smoking-rooms, say that War Savings Certificates are no good — that you'll never get your money back. They say: "Better put your money into strike funds and let Mike and Joe, or some other strong arm get a real cut for you."

The saps pass this along and the quiet wise guys slip back to the Vaterland by the way of U.S.A. and Lisbon to receive the iron-cross for smart work done in Canada.

An Editor's Experience

The windshield wiper on the family car gave out, and we didn't notice it until we were going east out of Trenton. We stopped at a place in Belleville, but were told to go elsewhere as the men employed there were too busy just then. The next place told us that as the car was a '35 model and windshield wipers wear out, that there was nothing for it but to buy a new one. We left Belleville and went on to Shannonville — to Ken Vivian's. We called a mechanic. He lifted the hood and asked: "Have you got a knife?" He pulled a small hose off a smaller tube, cut off the end and put it back on again. "Try it," he told the driver, and the wiper worked perfectly. "How much?" we asked, and the answer was "Ten cents." And we were so tickled that we wouldn't have to spend several dollars for a new wiper that we gave the man two bits and a cigarette. And we got back our knife.

—Trenton Courier Advocate

NO BED OF HOSES

Leicester, England, (CP)—Answering rumors that this city's fire-watchers have "to sleep on their hose" at times the council was informed that on the contrary they "sleep between clean white sheets, have spotless pillow-cases and take their pyjamas".

Making Half-Tracks



An unusual picture of a half-track from Company E, 6th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Division, made during the U.S. 1st Army vs. 4th Army manoeuvres being held in South Carolina. The half track combines truck wheels in front, with caterpillar tread of tanks, in the rear.

GOOD OLD LLOYD GEORGE!

London (CP) Marking his 50th year as M.P., old colleagues, friends and constituents of David Lloyd George, Prime Minister in the First Great War, have presented him with a casket made from the wood of Westminster Hall and other historic buildings.

Reconnaissance Troops, Called "Recce's", Get Silver Trophy Overseas

Get a Battle Trophy From Their Commanding Officer

(By Mail)

London — A battalion of Canada's "Recce's" spearhead of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, will in future carry with them as a trophy a silver salver supplied by London silversmiths.

Officially known as reconnaisance troops, it is the "Recce's" job to probe enemy territory far ahead of the main army. In other days this was the work of the cavalry; today the "Recce's" dash forward in fast armoured cars and carriers. Motorcycle dispatch riders supplement wireless in passing back the information as it is obtained.

By virtue of their task, the "Recce's" invariably plunge head-first into danger, and great daring, resourcefulness and imagination are called for in getting out of it again with the information required by the general command.

For this reason the personnel are picked men, and on the salver carried by the battalion are the crests of the eighteen regiments in which members served before being selected for the "Recce's".

IN A MESS

The man from the country came to the military camp to see his son. As his name was McDonald and the camp was in the Maritimes it was a bit difficult to locate the particular man. The officer on duty volunteered:

"There's a McDonald in the officers' mess. Perhaps that's your son."

"Yes sir, that would be him", agreed the visitor.

"What makes you so sure?" asked the officer.

"Well," said the other, "he was always in some mess or other when he was at home, so it must be him."

'SUPERMAN' TAKES SPOTLIGHT AGAIN

Kirko Hekemian — who thrives in zero weather and crops up periodically in Lachute and Hawkesbury doing blood-chilling stunts among the ice cakes, has been heard from again. Here is a recent news paragraph from Montreal . . . Without straining a tendon or loosening a molar, "Superman" Hekemian, 26-year-old Kenora, Ont., strong man, yesterday walked out of Police Headquarters a free man.

With Peter Soroko, of Winnipeg, Hekemian was arrested late Monday night by Night Patrol officers after his automobile had been kept under surveillance throughout the day. At headquarters he produced numerous pictures showing him lifting heavy policemen by their belts held in his teeth and pulling automobiles loaded with passengers. Others showed him reclining on snowbanks in a bathing suit eating ice cream and swimming among ice-cakes.

Det. Capt. I. Pelletier yesterday concluded the investigation regarding Hekemian's automobile. He had suffered a serious automobile accident and prevailed upon a Terrebonne garage operator to exchange the motor. The facts were verified and Hekemian left with an unblemished record.

London Blitz Develops Novelty in Stonecraft

Sculptured Fragments for U.S.A.

(By Mail)

London — Americans will soon be able to buy in the United States a fragment of blitzed London.

Portland stone subjected to intense heat, is no longer of use for building purposes and many tons of such material is now being turned into articles of use and beauty.

Designed by Fellows of the Royal Institute of British Sculptors and cut by master masons, the debris of shattered historical buildings is taking shape as lamp stands, ink wells, cigarette trays, clocks, pipe racks, book ends, bird tables, bird baths and miniature rock gardens.

The first shipment will include articles made from bits blown from Bow Church, made famous by Dick Whittington, and from the famous criminal court, the Old Bailey, each carrying a certificate of genuineness. Into this are written precise details of the building from which that actual stone came. Article and certificate both carry identification numbers for authentication, and with each article goes a beautiful volume of photographs of the blitzed city.

Into the stone of many of these fine designs is set a lead medallion —a bull dog, or symbolic badge of the A.R.P. or A.F.S.

The R.A.F. Benevolent Fund will share the proceeds.

SOUTH AFRICA'S PART

Pretoria, (CP)—Prime Minister J. C. Smuts, has sent copies of "Vanguard of Victory", the booklet reviewing South Africa's part in cleaning up Abyssinia, to Queen Wilhelmina and Prime Minister Minister Churchill.

LIKE GOING INTO HELL!

New York, (CP)—Guns on British ships in convoy are now so well placed and manned that German air attacks on them are "like going straight into hell" said a German pi ot, speaking over the Berlin radio.

OUR FOOD SUPPLY

WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR C.W.N.A. NEWSPAPERS
By JOHN ATKINS, Farmer-Journalist

No. 8 SOCIAL SECURITY FOR WHOM ?

Social security is now the economic objective of democratic peoples. The Atlantic Charter, the new democratic creed written by Churchill and Roosevelt, looks forward to a time when "all men in all lands may live out their lives in freedom from fear and want".

In the democratic countries efforts have been made to ensure social security. Unemployment insurance, old age pensions, workmen's compensation, and many lesser schemes have been introduced in the hope that they would lessen the risks of the individual and tend to stabilize the national economy.

In Canada such efforts have resulted in class privilege and have been an important cause of the disparity between the earnings of farmers and urban workers.

It is not generally realized that farmers pay their share of the cost of unemployment insurance and workmen's compensation from which they derive no benefit They are also at a disadvantage in the old age pension plan.

On the surface it appears that employees and employers pay the whole cost of the unemployment insurance plan. They make the direct contributions except for the cost of administration which is borne by the government. The truth is that farmers pay the cost of unemployment insurance for urban workers in the price of the goods they buy. If the cost of unemployment insurance, which is part of the manufacturing and selling cost of goods, is not included in the price of the goods employers and employees cannot continue to make them. Thus, to the extent that they buy urban-made goods, farmers pay the insurance bill.

Likewise farmers pay the cost of workmen's compensation. The direct contributions are made by employers and are charged, as part of the cost of doing business, to their customers. When farmers buy these goods they pay the cost of workmen's compensation. When farmers suffer accidents they pay the cost of medical services themselves and get nothing for their lost time.

Farming is one of the "hazardous" occupations and the cost of accident policies is so high that farmers cannot afford this form of insurance. The insurance companies cannot afford to sell accident insurance to farmers at rates that would result in losses to them.

The fact is that farming is so hazardous that the farmer must run all of his own risks while he helps to pay for the urban workers' compensation insurance. A serious accident is disastrous to a farmer and his family, yet he is in more danger of a serious accident than the great majority of those for whom workmen's compensation is provided. He cannot even buy accident insurance at rates which cover most workers who are protected by compensation.

It is unfortunate that most of our attempts at social security have been patterned upon the experiments of highly-industrialized Great Britain and the United States where the national economic problems are quite different.

If social security is a Canadian objective, and it is, it will be necessary to employ much more Canadian originality in working out our schemes and experiments. Our attempts to ensure security should be directed to the security of all and should not be expedients which increase the privileges of some at the expense of others, thus tipping the scales against those who finally pay the bills.



"Any loot, darling?"
"Yes, thank goodness—lots of Sweet Caps."

SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES
"The purest form in which tobacco can be smoked."

ANNOUNCING—
Coleman
SERVICE DAY
AT OUR STORE ON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

HAVE YOU ANY COLEMAN APPLIANCE THAT NEEDS ADJUSTMENT OR SERVICE?

Bring it to our store—bring them all in! A trained expert from the Coleman factory will service them for you. He will not make any charge for labor or for gasoline used in testing or for mantles used in testing lamps or lanterns. If any parts are required you will be charged only the regular prices for them.

ONE DAY ONLY

This offer is good only on the above date. If you cannot come in then leave your Coleman appliances in before that and pick them up after.

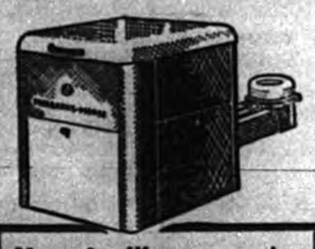
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DO YOU KNOW ABOUT "INFLATION" ?

Wartime Price Control and the "Little Fellow"

The man whom Canada has picked for the hardest job of all is Donald Gordon, appointed chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. His job is to control prices and prevent inflation. It is the herculean task of putting bands around a bubble — for if the bubble of soaring prices grew and burst wide open — it would affect every man, woman and child in Canada. It would wreck business and smash credit.

It was The Watchman's privilege to attend a press conference in Ottawa last week at which Mr. Gordon outlined the purposes, plans and procedures of the Price Ceiling Policy. Inasmuch as every reader and citizen is concerned with these matters, we present herewith a digest of Mr. Gordon's remarks . . . .

"To the Wartime Prices and Trade Board has been entrusted the responsibility of arresting the rise in prices which in recent months has been going forward at a constantly accelerating pace. We are asked, in other words, to control what can be clearly recognized as an inflationary movement.

"My first statement is that nothing which may be said here today should be construed as a move to muffle the opinions of any newspaper writer or editor.

"Now, I could say a good deal about the institution of the press and its responsibilities, but I am not here to utter platitudes and I am sure you have no wish to listen to them. I am here to outline to you the action we propose to take to arrest one of the greatest dangers that has ever threatened this country.

Inflation National Danger

"As a boy I was told that it was foolish to try to teach one's grandparents to suck eggs and following this logic I assume I may take it for granted there is no one in this audience who does not recognize inflation to be a national danger or approve of whatever action will prevent it. In all the discussions that have taken place, no one to my knowledge has spoken up to say that inflation of itself is a good thing.

"If, then, this point of view is accepted, the policy we are attempting to follow should and no doubt will have the unanimous support of the press of this country. A factor that makes it difficult for the public to properly appreciate the true situation is that inflation is usually defined in a jargon unintelligible to the man on the street, who comes to regard it as a quarrel between economics.

Issues Must Be Understood

"There is no money magic which can be applied to the needs of wartime finance. There are but three choices — we must pay for our war effort directly by means of taxation, or by borrowing the real savings of the people, or by a process of inflation. The first two methods have been courageously applied and accepted but, despite every effort, the fact is that the tremendous speed at which we have built up a war machine and the enormous effort we have put into doing so have made it impossible to adjust these policies sufficiently rapidly to recapture the excess purchasing power which the Government has released.

"When the war began we had large idle resources of labor and materials. So long as these existed our problem was to put them to work and to that end a deliberate expansionist money policy was followed. The nation brought into being, by public expenditure, a large new purchasing power and this in turn encouraged the rapid employment of all the resources. So long as more and more goods were being produced there was no serious danger of inflation and rising prices, but we have passed this point. Now we are near the end of our labor power and we are nearing the full utilization of some of our materials. We are producing more goods than ever but more of them are going into the war, where they cannot be used by the people. We are going to have, we already have far less goods than formerly that the people can use. If the people try to spend as much of their income as formerly, they will bid against one another and against the long purse of the Government for the limited supply of goods, in a kind of national auction and prices will go up. They will go up erratically and unevenly, creating injustice and unrest.

Servant May Master

"Thus the inflationary technique — the deliberate creation of more purchasing — was a useful servant in promoting the production of goods at the beginning of the war; but now that technique can become a fearful master unless it is curbed.

"The problem of control is properly to time our effort, to select the time when we must reverse the original process and start reducing the demand for goods, now that they are becoming scarce. To clamp down too soon would discourage the utilization of idle resources. To clamp down too late, when these resources are fully utilized, would be to risk losing control altogether. We believe the present policy has been well timed. We now need the reverse process. We need control. We have to prevent the excessive demand on a limited supply of goods creating havoc in the price structure. If we fail in this, what must be the result?

Danger to War Effort

"First, the war effort will be seriously undermined for the simple reason that business management cannot operate efficiently under conditions of sky-rocketing prices and fluctuating costs.

"Second, inflation will destroy any system of security for the future. In particular I refer to the insurance policies, the savings, the annuities and pensions which people have saved for their old age. The little fellow will find under a period of inflation that his dollar has lost its purchasing power in terms of goods, and, if carried to the extreme, his old age security will be gone.

"And let me say further that after the inflation there must be a deflation — after the pipe-dream comes the headache — inevitably.

Inflation Bred Hitlerism

"The mess the world is in today bears testimony to my case, for nothing can be clearer than that the German inflation, arising out of the last war, was directly responsible for the rise of Hitler and the gang of criminals who rode to control out of the bitterness, dislocation and collapse which it engendered.

"We are setting up, I earnestly believe, a better basis of social justice than we have known. In previous wars the laborer and the white collar class, the small merchant and farmer have seen increased money income rapidly outstripped by rising costs, while the speculator and the profiteer have waxed fat.

"Today there are many people who refuse to believe even in the face of a 29% increase in wholesale prices and a 14.6% increase in living costs that inflation is upon us. They refuse to recognize the meaning of the stupendous increase in Government spending involving nearly 56% of national income as compared with 28% pre-war.

"Many people are prepared to argue there is no need for drastic action. They say it is highly risky to attempt to stop a car going at 60 miles per hour by jamming on the brakes. My reply is that if the alternative is to rush over a precipice, then surely one must jam on the brakes; if the driver is sufficiently skilful, it can be done. Inflation thrives on delays and half-measures. The Government's Maximum Prices Regulations say simply : Prices must not be allowed to increase, and after December 1st the price level of the basic period, September 15th to October 11th must prevail. It is a pronouncement which calls for heroic measures to enforce, but it is the only policy which has a chance of success.

Great Many Difficulties

"There are a great many difficulties — many of them — even at this stage — which appear insoluble. But the difficulties involve, for the most part, equitable adjustments between groups of business men . . . And the main difficulty is to understand what type of adjustments are necessary and how they can be applied in a fair manner. The problem can be stated very simply. Here is a retail price. When that price was figured out, the cost of manufacturing, processing and delivering the goods to the retailers was so much, and since then the cost of replacing the goods has risen very rapidly. Consequently, if retailers' prices are to be held, everyone back from the retailer to the primary producer must accept a lower price — must accept his share of the added cost so that the retailer may receive his replacements at a cost which will enable him to absorb only his own additional costs and still sell the goods at a reasonable profit.

"It means putting the machinery of adjustment of price in reverse, for a period; but business men with whom I have discussed the matter will not admit it to be impossible. To aid in the necessary adjustments the Wartime Prices and Trade Board has called on business to supply Administrators and Directors to supervise. Each industry and business is represented by its own Administrator and staff, who will have authority to work out the equitable adjustment.

"Here is the biggest opportunity which business has ever had to demonstrate what it can do in self regulation in the general interest. The Board will supply whatever type of expert advice or assistance thought necessary.

Many Lasting Benefits

"The necessary adjustments cannot, however, be made without give and take, and a certain sacrifice in which we shall endeavor to maintain the greatest possible degree of justice. Our policies will, I believe, result in many important and lasting benefits. How many of you have been told, 'On account of increased material and labor costs we are compelled to increase our prices', and after the first annoyance, have decided, without too much investigation, to in turn pass the extra costs on to the next buyer in line? Those days are over. Extra costs will now be resisted on every front. It is a truth that in this fair land, so richly endowed by nature, we have become a little soft. At this testing time, there is no place for sloppy thinking or soft living. We must be masters of our fate. Out of the effort to meet the present situation will come a great access to the strength of our war effort.

"There is one field where domestic control or adjustment will be ineffective. I refer to imported commodities, raw materials, semi-finished or finished goods. Where uncontrolled increases in the prices of imported goods make it impossible for the domestic retail price ceiling to be maintained, the Board will not expect private industry to shoulder the whole of the burden which thus arises. The Board will work out, in co-operation with those concerned, the techniques which can be adopted in different cases . . . This means that the Board recognizes some special action may have to be taken with respect to essential raw materials and types of semi-finished goods to be finished in Canada. The Board will make it clear that importers, manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers are expected to effect all possible economies themselves and share any immediate burden imposed by higher import prices. Only when the burden is so great as to be obviously unfair to certain groups as a whole will the Board recommend special assistance by way of subsidies or reductions of taxes on importation.

Problem in Human Relations

"This problem of controlling inflation is basically a problem in human relations and where goodwill and understanding exist, cannot long remain unsolved. That is the tremendous part the press can play in this campaign — the education of Mr. John Public that he and his family are the soldiers in this battle. Through his newspaper he can be aroused first to a sense of his danger, and second, to the means of avoiding it. I believe, as do all of us who are working at this job, that the fight can be lost or won on this one point of public education. The policy is to stop inflation — but the policy must carry your approval, because if you attempt to destroy it, consciously or unconsciously, you attempt to destroy yourselves".

War -- Twenty-five Years Ago

By H. H. GORDON, Canadian Press Staff Writer

DEMAND FOR MORE ENERGETIC WAR EFFORT LED TO CHOICE OF LLOYD GEORGE AS PRIME MINISTER

David Lloyd George, dynamic little Welshman who during two years of the First Great War had shown high qualities of leadership, became Britain's Prime Minister 25 years ago. He led his country to victory, playing a leading role in the peace conference at Versailles and retained the confidence of the British electorate until 1922 when the Unionist government of the Canadian-born Andrew Bonar Law took over the reins.

Early in the war as Chancellor of the Exchequer and later as Minister of Munitions and Secretary for War, Lloyd George, the Welsh schoolmaster's son, earned for himself the reputation of a "go-getter". His progressive policies frequently found him at variance with Prime Minister H. H. Asquith and it was his demand for a small war cabinet devoted solely to the one object of winning the war that brought about the collapse of the Asquith Ministry on Dec. 5, 1916.

Demand for Action

Inconclusive results of the great offensive at the Somme in the summer and the overrunning of Rumania by German-led armies in the autumn brought a widespread demand for action. Lloyd George contended that the large war committee then existing could not pave the way to victory, and he also pressed his plan for a unified command of the Allied armies.

Behind him was a large section of the British press. Everyman's Encyclopedia is authority for the statement that the fall of the Asquith cabinet "was principally due to the diplomacy of Sir Max Aitken (later Lord Beaverbrook) who reconciled the Daily Mail's director, Lord Northcliffe, to the idea of a Lloyd George government.

Early in December Lloyd George laid his proposal before Asquith, but indicated his lack of faith in the austere and dignified prime minister as a war leader by stipulating that the latter should not be chairman of the suggested small war committee.

Reaction of Asquith

Asquith's reaction was one of profound resentment. On Dec. 4 he resigned office and received authority from the King to form a new ministry. Lloyd George was asked to join, but the stipulation was made that, as prime minister. Asquith should be chairman of the war committee. This condition the Secretary for War refused to comply with and resigned his portfolio.

Asquith then handed in the resignation of his cabinet. The King called on Bonar Law to form a government. Law failed to obtain Asquith's co-operation and also considered Lloyd George as the logical war leader.

Lloyd George became prime minister Dec. 7, 1916 and was assured of the united support of the Unionist party. Labor also rallied to his side together with most of the Liberals. The new war leader immediately appointed a war cabinet of only four members, relieved of departmental duties. In the following year he pressed successfully his demand for unified command of the Allied armies although he met with considerable resistance from the high military command.

BLACKOUT PARTY BRINGS GOOD FRIENDS TOGETHER DESPITE THE TERRORS OF WAR

— By Margaret Butcher —

Here is a tale you should read. A tale of a simple little birthday party enjoyed by ordinary every day folks during an English black-out. It indicates how the brave people of the island fortress are carrying on life's amenities in the midst of war. It was written specially for the Free Press Herald and The Watchman.

READING, ENGLAND — I have been to a party. A jolly little affair for four of us. Our barrister's mother-in-law had a birthday. She is seventy-one, and it called for a trifle of celebration. No; not a dinner. It doesn't run to dinners now. There may be enough—and there generally is—but nobody really feels like sitting up and wolfing somebody else's rations. So we have a meal at home, usually, and meet afterwards, if the household is a small one. Rations, of course, go much further in large families, and if one person happens to be absent there will be ample. But this was a small affair and we were mutually tactful.

At nine I set off up the road, hoping to goodness that I should not spend the next twenty minutes battering at wrong front doors, since my torch-battery was feeling far from well that night. Stepping out is an adventure nowadays, I assure you, if one has to make the journey alone. I pawed my way with a walking-stick, however, and located the right house. The door was opened and I slid into the hall. You folk who trot brightly into a blaze of light don't know a thing about this Alladin's Cave business! Halls are not what they were. There is usually a dim, blue light somewhere up in the ceiling, heavily shaded; and one's host, peering about under it, looks like somebody at death's door. Only his chuckle and hand-clasp are able to convince one that he is not on the point of dissolution. You just hate to think of what you look like; and not so long ago, getting into that party frock, you fancied that you might cut rather a dash. So much for human vanity.

Real Smell of Home

He piloted me round the furniture to the lounge—and how different that was! Warm, rosy, with the real smell of "home"; an open baby-grand, its keys shining; flowers in sparkling bowls; books and deep armchairs. Sometimes I wonder if I shall ever have such things for my very own again? Ah, well! it can't be helped, can it? And there were two people waiting: a lovely young girl and the elegant white-haired Gran. We had music, and we talked. How we talked! Not about the war. It is odd, but we seldom talk about the war at these times. It colors our thoughts and opinions, of course, but I think we feel, somehow, as if we want to get down to bedrock when we have a real talk; down to ideas and ideals. Down to things which hold our roots, and which cannot be shaken by all this rocking and reeling that is going on around us. We talked about the value of personal experience, the psychology of cruelty; about music, about books. And then, at the end, the war crept in — indirectly. It was when Gran stood up by the fireplace and said: "Well this may be a horrible time to live through, but when I hear people say — as they do now and then — that they wish they could have lived and died years ago . . . well, I could shake them. I don't begrudge all this one moment of my life. I want to go on living as long as I can, if only to see how it all works out". Here her chin went up.

"I'm glad to be part of it!" she added.

Surprising Folk

One meets such surprising folk at these little gatherings; and the whole point is that you don't know, at the time, that there is anything unusual about them. You talk to somebody about the allotment, or even about the weather, and the whole thing seems just like parties might have been in the old days. There is nothing at all spectacular about this stranger you have just met, and the stranger certainly doesn't say anything remarkable. But, perhaps the following day, you learn that this quiet smiling, dear person has been through unimaginable horrors —maybe in London, or Plymouth or in some much-battered town, and you feel almost as if you have been chatting with a ghost—or a hero out of one of the great sagas. It's an uncanny sensation.

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THE MAN AT THE HELM

Who is this Donald Gordon, the man entrusted with so momentous a task as controlling the price of every commodity we may consume? Having digested his concise outline (stated only partially above), we glimpse a masterly command of the entire economic scene, and we are not unnaturally curious as to the man himself.

Donald Gordon, standing guard over the cash register of Canada, is a man few people have ever heard of. Few knew him till now except bankers and economists in Ottawa. Now he suddenly looms as a man of importance to us all.

Just 40, he is a six-foot Scot topped with brains. He was born near Aberdeen. His father was town clerk. Donald learnt early about tight purse strings; thrift was in the family. . . . In 1914, Donald, then 13, came to Toronto. He went to Manning Avenue public school; that is all the formal schooling he had, except night school when he joined the Bank of Nova Scotia. For he became banker at 15, a very junior clerk without pull or advantage, right at the bottom. But he came up fast. In ten years, at 26, he was assistant accountant. At 29 he was assistant manager of the bank's main office in Toronto. At 34 he was first secretary of the newly formed Bank of Canada's deputy governor. Graham Towers made the bank's policies, and Donald Gordon executed them with his boundless energy. In Ottawa men credit the success of Foreign Control to Donald Gordon, who managed it. He saw one objective clearly — to get U.S. dollars— and he clung to it. He cut through red tape as with a claymore.

That was a hard national task, and now the sinewy-minded, steel-hearted Scot has a harder one : to make price control work. He believes he can keep the bubble from bursting by enlisting the aid of business men. He is all set to enlist all the rest of us as well — all you men who draw pay, all you women who spend it, all you manufacturers, all you farmers, all you wholesalers and storekeepers, in a great crusade to fight inflation.



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Avoca Red Cross

Avoca — The Avoca Red Cross unit of the Seigniory Club branch reports the following articles sent to headquarters during the month of October: 11 prs. ½-mitts, 9 caps, 4 seamen's sweaters, 1 coat, 1 pr. mitts, 1 beret, 2 bed jackets, 3 bathrobes, 1 pr. all-wool blankets, 3 prs. seamen's boots, (a gift), 3 hospital night gowns, 2 cushions and 9 prs. wristlets.

CRIPPLED POLE TO FLY AGAIN

London, Dec. 1 (CP) — A pilot whose left arm was shot off in an aerial combat but who will soon be in action again with an arfificial arm, was one of 74 members of a Polish wing of the Royal Air Force decorated by General Sikorski, Prime Minister of Poland and commander-in-chief of the Polish forces.

The awards, to men of a wing which has shot down more than 250 German planes, were the Polish Victoria Cross — the Virtute Militari — and the Cross of Gallantry — the Krzyz Walecznych.

"Freedom is one thing; wisdom in its use is another".
—R. G. Tugwell

Courtesy, Plus !

An Englishman, travelling by night on an American railway, found it impossible to use his sleeping berth as it was infested with vermin. Having arrived at his destination after a wretched night, he gave vent to his indignation in a letter to the railway company. Rather to his surprise, he received a long and highly courteous apology; his letter had caused the utmost dismay and astonishment, since the company had never before had such a complaint. The coach in question would immediately be put out of commission; the upholstery would be stripped and if necessary destroyed; and the coach would not be put into service again until this had been done. The company hoped in this way to prevent any possible repetition of this most unfortunate but happily unique incident".

You will say that this was a most satisfactory and well worded reply. Yes, but unluckily, in putting it into the envelope, the clerk included with it the letter of complaint in which the Englishman found a marginal note reading: "Send this boob our usual bug letter."



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Boy Scouts The World Over



The Boy Scout Troop of the Industrial Home, Saint John, N.B., has given its 58th entertainment before an audience of soldiers or sailors. The boys hope to make it a hundred before the end of the war.

BOY SCOUT HEROES OF THE LABRADOR

St. Johns, Nfld., Telegram

Each year the report of the Boy Scout Troop established at Makkovik, in Northern Labrador, gives the story of some deed of heroism performed by the Scouts of that troop to bring help to the sick and dying during the winter months. The following is taken from the report of A. Perrault, who is now acting as Scoutmaster of the Group.

"During the past winter there were several cases of sickness and several of the boys had to leave their work and hurry to the Mission Station for medicine and help. One case in particular is worth recording.

"One of the Scouts had been in the country trapping, and fo: eleven days he had been walking on snowshoes. He arrived at a log cabin at the head of one of the bays, about 50 miles from the mission station, and found a young woman there who was very sick.

"He was very tired, but after a cup of tea and a bite to eat he hurried on to his own home a distance of 30 miles. There he had about two hours' rest, and started off again to walk another eight miles over the hills. He then reached a log cabin where another member of that Group lived, and passed on the message, and within a very short while this other member was speeding on his way on snowshoes to the Mission Station, a distance of another 12 miles. The weather was most disagreeable and it was a hard walk against blinding snow and wind, but after about four hours the message was delivered, and one hour afterward a team of dogs and a komatic with two men took medicine and help to the sick woman".

According to the same report, another Scout stayed at a log cabin where he had carried medicine to a very sick child and a man, and looked after them for some days.

OBITUARY

Member of Old County Family Died Recently In British Columbia

Mrs. Wm. Furniss Was Formerly Miss Almira Bradford

Vernon, B.C., — At the United Church, Vernon, on November 4, friends of Mrs. Almira Furniss paused for a few minutes to pay their last respects to one of the city's best known pioneer women, one who was resident of Vernon continuously for the past 53 years. Rev. Dr. J. H. Davies officiated at the service, and interment followed in the Vernon cemetery.

Mrs. Furniss died at her home on October 31 at an advanced age, following two weeks' illness.

She was born Almira Bradford, at Lachute, Que., the daughter of Charles and Charlotte Bradford, and was educated there. In 1878 she was married to William R. McCluskey and with her husband moved to the Prairies, then to Victoria, and in 1888 to Vernon. Mr. McCluskey, who died in 1895, was manager of the famous B.X. Ranch. Three daughters and five sons were born of this marriage.

On November 30, 1898, she was married to William Furniss, of Vernon, who died in 1912.

Mrs. Furniss, who was very active despite her age, was recently made a life member of the W.C.T.U., in which organziation she formerly was very active. For many years she taught in the Sunday Schools of the Methodist and United Churches.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. T. Aird Smith, Mrs. Washington Ryan, Mrs. Dolly Whitecotton, all of Vernon, and two sons, E. W. McCluskey, of Lumby, and J. W. McCluskey of Vernon. Three sons predeceased her, including William R. McCluskey, noted pilot, who was killed in an airplane crash several years ago.

Mrs. Furniss had 22 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

COWAN — Mrs. Jas. Cowan and son wish to thank their friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy extended them in their recent bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM

YOUNG — In loving memory of our darling little son, Delmar, who passed away November 29, 1939. Always remembered by his father, mother and little sisters.

Though tears in our eyes do not glisten
And our faces are not always sad,
There is never a night or a morning
But we think of the dear one we had.



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DISTRICT NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

BROWNSBURG

Mr. and Mrs. T. Kerr, of Vankleek Hill, and Miss M. Kerr, of Ottawa, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. David McOuat.

Mr. A. W. Porter left for Shawbridge on Sunday, where he will be employed at the Boys' Farm.

Mr. Peter McKercher, of Hawkesbury, spent part of this week visiting friends here.

Mr Stewart Thompson, of the R.C.A.F., was a week-end guest of friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Prosser spent Sunday in Montreal.

Mrs. Low, of Montreal, was a recent guest of her daughter, Mrs. G. F. Clarke.

Mrs. J. Caverhill and son, Warwick, of Montreal, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Warwick.

Mr. Keith Metcalf, of Toronto, was a recent guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Prosser.

Miss Marion Birch spent the week-end in Montreal.

LOOTING — FIVE YEARS

Deal, England (CP) — Two men charged with looting from unoccupied premises were sentenced to five years in jail each.

BADER'S ESCAPE ANSWERED PRAYER

Legless Air Hero Met his Waterloo Over Land as Mother Asked

London, Dec. 1 (CP) — Wing Commander Douglas Bader, legless Royal Air Force fighter pilot now a prisoner in Germany, had such faith in his mother's prayers that he made her a promise to pray that if he was ever forced to bale out that it would be over land and not the sea.

He feared he would be lost if he fell into the water, because he could not climb into a dinghy with his artificial legs, his mother said. Her prayers were answered. — Bader, who holds the D.S.O. and bar and the D.F.C. and bar, baled out over France and damaged one of his legs, which was replaced when the R.A.F. dropped a new pair.

CUSHING

Mrs. I Fuller and son, Donald, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Villeneuve at Carillon.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Elliott motored to Ottawa on Sunday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Gaston spent Sunday visiting friends across the Ottawa.

The Frontier W.I. meets at the home of Mrs. John Heatlie on Friday evening of this week; children's night, social program, contests, etc.

GRENVILLE

A cable received by Mrs. Stewart tells of the safe arrival in England of her husband, Pte. John Stewart.

At the dance held last Saturday evening in Lavigueur's Hall, Calumet, the phonograph door prize was won by Miss Doris Dowd, Calumet.

MORIN HEIGHTS

Mr. Lorne Crawford, of St. Lambert, was the week-end guest of Mayor and Mrs. W. H. Watchorn.

Miss Joan Greene, of Montreal, is spending this week with her mother, Mrs. J. Greene.

Mrs. H. Lacken, of Montreal, visited friends here during the week-end.

Mrs. F. Watchorn and daughter Barbara, spent the week-end in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hamilton, also Messrs F. Watchorn and Gilthrop, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Greene at St. Adolphe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Syvret visited friends in Montreal during the week-end.

SWEDEN'S BLACKER BREAD

Stockholm (CP) — Total 1941 harvest of bread grains, potatoes, sugar beets, etc. amounts to about 70 per cent of the average crops 1933-1937. Sweden's bread this winter will contain a large percentage of barley and rye.

NOTICE TO CITIZENS

Establishment of a Public Market

Public Notice is hereby given to the population of Lachute and vicinity, that starting December 6, 1941, a market will be held in Lachute every Saturday.

Farmers are invited to make use of same to sell any of their produce, including meat by piece or quarter. The fee is 50 cents per site.

Market hours shall be from 7 o'clock to 5 o'clock.

Special attention is called to the fact that the success of the market depends on the interest which the community displays in this venture.

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Germain Filion, secretary-treasurer.

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PEACHES	Dessert	15 oz. Tin	12¢
JUICE	Clark's Tomato	20 oz. Tin	8¢
SUNLIGHT SOAP		3 Bars	17¢
BLACK TEA	"OUR OWN" Special Blend	½ lb. Bag 35¢	1 lb. Bag 69¢
MARMALADE	IONA - ORANGE & GRAPEFRUIT		32 oz. Jar 22¢
FLOUR	"FIVE ROSES"		7 lb. Bag 23¢
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ANN PAGE WHITE WHOLE WHEAT CRACKED WHEAT
2 24 oz. Loaves 15¢
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Cake Cherry Pound lb. 25c
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1½ lb. Cake 43¢ 3 lbs. Cake 85¢

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GRAPEFRUIT	TEXAS SEEDLESS	6 for 25¢
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LEMONS	CALIFORNIA JUICY SEEDLESS	Doz. 15¢
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GREEN BEANS	FLORIDA	2 lbs. 27¢
YELLOW ONIONS	No. 1	lb. 5¢

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AMONG THE CHURCHES

The Rev. W. A. Dempsey, Minister at Cushing, Tenders Resignation

Cushing — It was with much regret that the congregation of St. Mungo's, Calumet and Grenville United Churches received the resignation of the Rev. W. A. Dempsey at the Congregational meeting on Friday evening. Relationships between the Rev. Dempsey and his people have always been of the most cordial nature, and the assistance of Mrs. Dempsey in the work of these three charges been much appreciated.

Sunday Services

MARGARET RODGER MEML. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. E. Orsborn

10 a. m.—Sabbath School
11 a.m., Morning Worship.
"A Glorious Persuasion".
3 p.m., Brownsburg.
7 p.m., Evening Worship.
"The Patient Pilgrim".

LACHUTE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. W. B. Rosborough, B.A., B.D.

10 a.m., Sabbath School.
11 a.m., Morning Worship.
"The Cloud of Witnesses".
7 p.m., Evening Worship.
"Finding God".
2.30 p.m., East Settlement.
A cordial welcome to all!

LACHUTE BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, H. Charlton

Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Tuesday 8 p.m., Prayer Meeting.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, BROWNSBURG
Rev. J. R. Simpson, B.A., B.Th.

10 a. m., Sunday School.
7.30 p.m., Evening Worship.

BROWNSBURG UNITED
Rev. S. J. Pike, Minister

10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Services
Evening service in charge of Y.P.U. Speaker: Mr. H. Rumball

REGULAR BAPTIST
Rev. C. Hardie

11 a.m., Brownsburg.
8 p.m., Dalesville.

LAKEFIELD SERVICES
Rev. C. W. Baugh, Rector

Lakefield 11 a.m., (Communion)
Shrewhbury, 2 p.m., (Communion)
Dunany, 3 p.m.
Louisa, 7 p.m.

MORIN HEIGHTS
H. G. Baugh, Preacher

Mille Isles, 3.30 p.m.
Morin Heights, 7.30 p.m.
Sunday School, 2.30 p.m.

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Congregational Social At Lachute United

The second anniversary of the opening of Lachute United Church in its present fine building reconstructed since the fire, was marked by a congregational social in the church basement Monday evening. Under chairmanship of the Rev. W. B. Rosborough a large gathering enjoyed this function, which has now become an annual event. A singsong, led by Chas. L. Duncan, drew enthusiastic response from the congregation. Accompanist for the evening was Miss Ruth Todd, the church organist. A quartet of young ladies, Misses Mae Gordon, Margaret Aitkin, Yvonne Bedard and Lorna Giles, accompanied by Miss Beryl Underhill at the piano, sang a very creditable selection, and the church choir gave an excellent rendering of two part songs.

A pleasing feature of the evening was a token of appreciation extended to two loyal workers of the congregation — to Mrs. Helen MacNeil, as past-superintendent of the Mission Band, and to Mr. Duncan as leader of the church choir. Mrs. G. G. Mitchell received a purse of money by proxy for Mrs. MacNeil, who has now left Lachute to reside at Scotstown. and Mr. Duncan received a similar gift, Mr. Rosborough reading appropriate words and presenting them each with an illuminated address. The recipients replied in a happy manner to these tributes.

Ladies of the church served refreshments in conclusion of this pleasant social gathering.

To Induct New Rector At St. Simeon's

Rev. B. J. Thorpe, M.A., L.Th., who for two and a half years has been serving in the ministry at Goodwin, Alta., will be inducted rector of St. Simeon's Church, Lachute, and St. George's Church, Brownsburg, on January 9, it has been announced by Bishop Carlisle. He will take over his new post on January 1.

Mr Thorpe is an M.A. of McGill. He received his theological training at the Diocesan College and served as an assistant at the Church of the Ascension, Park Avenue, and as incumbent in the parish of Pointe Claire before going west.

Rev. Clifford Andrews Is Appointed to Poltimore

The Rev. Clifford Andrews, a graduate of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, who was ordained to the diaconate in 1938 and to the priest hood the following year, has been appointed incumbent of the parish of Poltimore north of Buckingham, by Bishop Carlisle.

Mr. Andrews took over his new post as from December 1, and will serve two congregations, Christ Church at Poltimore, and St. John's Church, at Glen Almond.

Christian Science Sunday Services

"God the Only Cause and Creator" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon to be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 7.

The Golden Text is from Revelation 4:11. "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."(Psalm 100:3).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "We cannot fathom the nature and quality of God's creation by diving into the shallows of mortal belief. We must reverse our feeble flutterings —our efforts to find life and truth in matter — and rise above the testimony of the material senses, above the mortal to the immortal idea of God. These clearer, higher views inspire the God-like man to reach the absolute centre and circumference of his being." (Page 262).

Presbyterian Y.P.S.

The tenth annual banquet of the Presbyterian Young People's Society was held last Thursday evening, with about 70 guests and members participating. The church hall was decorated with streamers, bunting and V's-for-Victory. With President David Morrison presiding, the gathering enjoyed servings of ham and scolloped potatoes, mingled with musical renditions by Helen McFaul, Jim Duncan, and sing-songs. The main speaker of the evening was Rev. H. C. Scott of Hawkesbury, who delivered an inspirational address on the part of the Church in maintaining the proper spiritual morale especially necessary today. The speaker was introduced by the Rev. E. Orsborn, and was thanked by Lawrence Bates.

At the regular meeting held last evening, the inclement weather was felt in the small attendance. The committee in charge reported a substantial balance realized on the banquet, and this amount was donated to the Queen's Canadian Fund. It was decided to hold the meeting of next week on Tuesday on account of the Lions' motion picture, and this meeting will also be a social evening, with refreshments served.. As the end of the year is drawing near, all members should make special efforts to attend, with greater efforts to arrive at the hall at or soon after 8.30 p.m.

Brownsburg United

Brownsburg — The Christmas bazaar, held on Saturday afternoon under auspices of the Senior Ladies' Auxiliary, was a decided success. The various tables displayed fancy work, aprons, handkerchiefs, candy and home-cooking, the Junior Ladies' Auxiliary having charge of the candy table. Tea was served from 3 to 6 p.m.

The Young People's Union meeting took the form of a social gathering last week, when a very pleasant time was spent in games, contests, etc. The devotional period was taken by Vice-President Miss Margaret Gordon in the absence of the president. A report of the Boys' Conference, held in Montreal the previous Saturday and Sunday, was given by the Secretary, Stephen Pike. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening's activities . . . The literary group had charge of the meeting this week.

On Sunday evening next at 7.30 o'clock the service will be under the auspices of the Young People's Union, when Mr. Herb Rumball will be the speaker.

Lachute United Y.P.U.

The weekly meeting of the Lachute United Young People's Union was held last evening. The president, Miss Beryl Underhill, read a very interesting paper on "Canada's War Effort", by Bruce Hutchinson. This article gave a vivid account of what Canada has done to help Britain in the stupendous job she has undertaken. It shows how Canada, on her own power, has surpassed the objective for air-training schools and munitions plants.

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Baugh-Imison

The marriage of John Benjamin Baugh, of Campbell's Bay, Que., second son of the Rev. and Mrs. C.W.P. Baugh, of Lakefield, to Miss Dorothy Imison, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Imison, of Shawville, took place on Wednesday, November 26, at Shawville, the Rev. K. Bolton, of Shawville, officiating.

MAGISTRATE FINDS BOY SCOUTS GUILTY OF COMMITTING GOOD TURNS

Chatham News

Police Chief Bagnall made no comment recently as he took into his custody more than two dozen boys ranging between the ages of eight and sixteen. Without delay the youngsters were turned over to Magistrate S. B. Arnold, who firmly declared it was high time they got what was coming to them."

So the Chief of Police held the hot dogs while the Magistrate covered them with mustard, and assistants dealt out the soft drinks.

The boys all were convicted of selling apples on Scout Apple Day, of painting the 1st Troop Hut with funds raised by themselves, and of committing one good turn a day. It was party night for the 1st Chatham Scout Troop.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Isabel Kearns, of Montreal, visited friends in town during the week-end.

Misses Else and Marie Jacobsen spent last week-end visiting with friends in Montreal.

Mrs. James Cottingham and her son, Mr. W. M. Cottingham, spent a few days in New York City, travelling by airplane.

Mrs. George McGibbon has been in Montreal this week owing to the illness of her mother, Mrs. Godfrey Dixon, who is a patient in the Montreal General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stewart, with their daughter Joan and son Billie, are leaving next week for Kingston, Ont., where Mr. Stewart has been transferred as manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Prior to leaving, Mrs. Stewart has been entertained this week by a number of ladies in town.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McDonald, of Avoca, Que., announce the engagement of their daughter, Victoria Nellye, to Mr. Wesley Hugh Mahon, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mahon, of Calumet, Que. The marriage will take place shortly.

Miss Gertrude McMahon spent last week-end visiting friends in Thurso.

Miss Lois McFaul, nurse-in-training at the Homoeopathic Hospital, Montreal, spent Saturday at her home in town.

Miss Jean Canning, nurse-in-training at the Montreal General Hospital, was a recent visitor at her home in Lachute.

Rev. Andrew D. Reid, of Montreal, was guest preacher at the Sunday morning anniversary service at the Lachute United Church, and while here was the guest of the Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Rosborough.

RISES OVER BOMBING

Richmond, England (CP) — Rev. Arthur Hawkins, vicar of Holy Trinity Church, raised $1,180 within 16 days to repair the bomb damage to the church and school.

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CANADA

THE PRICE CEILING ORDER IS NOW LAW

A fine up to $5,000 and two years imprisonment is provided for offences against this law

What You Must Do to Comply With the Law

1. As a Consumer

You must not buy goods or services for more than the highest price charged for such goods or services during the basic period, September 15 to October 11. If in doubt, ask your merchant for proof the price he asks is a lawful price under the Price Ceiling order. Normal seasonal price changes in fresh fruits and vegetables and greenhouse products are exempt.

2. As a Retailer

You must not sell goods or services for more than the highest price at which you sold such goods or services in the basic period, September 15 to October 11.

You must not buy goods or services from manufacturers or wholesalers or any other sources for more than the highest price you paid to them in the basic period.

It is intended that cases of serious hardship should be adjusted by reducing the cost of merchandise to the retailer. Retailers whose cost of merchandise delivered to them after November 30 is too high in relation to the ceiling prices, should get in touch with their suppliers and try to arrange an adjustment fair to both parties.

The price of goods of a kind or quality not sold during the basic period must not be more than the highest price charged for substantially similar goods in the basic period.

3. As a Wholesaler

You must not sell goods or services at more than your highest price (less discounts then prevailing) for such goods or services during the basic period, September 15 to October 11. You must not buy goods or services for more than the highest prices paid during the basic period.

Wholesalers will be expected in some cases to reduce their prices below the ceiling in order that their retail accounts may carry on. Wholesalers in turn may have to ask their suppliers for price reductions.

The continued flow of goods through normal channels is of the utmost importance and the Board will intervene if suppliers divert business abnormally from one customer to another.

4. As a Manufacturer

You must not sell at prices higher than your highest price (less discounts then prevailing) during the basic period, September 15 to October 11.

In some cases it will be necessary for manufacturers to reduce their prices below the ceiling so that wholesale and retail accounts may carry on.

Where maintenance of the retail ceiling requires manufacturers' prices to be substantially reduced, the Board will investigate and in proper cases will afford necessary relief.

Imports

Retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers are assured by the Board that any considerable increases in the costs of import of essential goods will be covered either by subsidies or by adjustment of taxes. Details will be announced shortly.

Services Also Come Under This Law

The Price Ceiling law also applies to rates and charges for electricity, gas, steam heat, water, telegraph, wireless, telephone, transportation, provision of dock, harbour and pier facilities; warehousing and storage; manufacturing processes performed on a commission or custom basis; undertaking and embalming; laundering, cleaning, tailoring and dressmaking; hairdressing, barbering and beauty parlour services; plumbing, heating, painting, decorating, cleaning and renovating; repairing of all kinds; supplying of meals, refreshments and beverages; exhibiting of motion pictures.

NO CHEATING OR EVASION OF THE PRICE CEILING LAW WILL BE TOLERATED

"How the Price Law Works," a pamphlet setting forth how each branch of business must apply the regulations to its own operation will shortly be available at Post Offices and Branch Banks.

The Board will soon open Regional Offices throughout Canada where problems may be discussed. These Offices will co-operate with business in the adjustment of difficulties.

The Price Ceiling law is vital to Canada's war effort.

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W.I's Respond Again To Appeal for "Seeds"

During the past growing season, members of the Women's Institutes have stressed the need of increased production and conservation, for the latter using community canners. Cash donations to the Red Cross to help pay for sugar for canned fruits were given from many branches.

Now the Institutes are again responding to the appeal for seeds for Britain. Fifteen tons were sent last year from Canada and the New England States, and were eagerly and thankfully received by the women, who have been the chief gardeners in Britain since war began. Letters of thanks from pen-sisters of the British W.I. indicate the appreciation felt for the supplying of this pressing need.

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DISTRICT NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

ARUNDEL

The Ladies' Aid of the United Church held a successful sale of work and tea in the church hall last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Edna Moncrieff was a recent week-end guest of her father, Mr. John Moncrieff.

Mr. Gavin Graham, of Montreal, was a Sunday guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Graham.

Miss Jean Morrison spent a few days in Montreal last week.

Mr. James Smellie spent the week-end here visiting his mother, Mrs. Margaret Smellie.

Miss Dorothy Kerr spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kerr.

Mrs. Wm. Proudlock and Mrs. Reg. Moss, Jr., spent the week-end in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris and baby son, of St. Lambert, were week-end guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McMahon.

Dr. C. Flanagan, of Montreal, spent the week-end at his home here.

WEIR

Miss Lois Horner spent the week-end in Montreal visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Harpin have left to spend several months at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Brodie, at Brockville, Ont.

Mrs. Sherman Beaven spent a few days in Montreal last week where she was called to visit her daughter, Thelma, who was knocked down by an automobile and is now a patient in the St. Mary's Hospital. Thelma's many friends here join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. E. J. Craig returned to her home on Saturday after spending the past fortnight visiting friends in New Liskeard and Cobalt.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Owen that their son, George, has landed safely "Somewhere in England".

We regret to report that Mrs. Donat Labrosse is now a patient in the Royal Victoria Hospital; friends here join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. K. Cowan, of Montreal, spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Larose.

Mr. Sherman Beaven was home from St. Raymond to spend the week-end with his family here.

Messrs Oliver Purcell, Herbert Dubeau and Réal Proulx were home from Harrington, to spend the week-end.

Miss Barbara Colquhoun was home from Arundel to spend the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Colquhoun.

GRENVILLE

Mrs. T. H. Gauley is making satisfactory recovery from a fall she suffered on the roadway some weeks ago.

Mrs. Keyes was the guest of Mrs. John Gauley recently.

Mr. R. Y. Lyon, with the Misses Della and Claudia and Mr. Alva Lyon, of Ottawa, visited his daughter, Mrs. Victor D. Gaudry, in Dr. Kelly's Hospital, Hawkesbury, on Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Arnold has returned from Toronto, where she attended the wedding of her niece, Dorothy Gladys Bengry, to Frederick Spencer Bolton, both of Toronto.

Prayer service is being held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murray on Thursday evening, December 4, conducted by the Rev. J. R. Simpson.

Mr. Thos. Arnold, of Rigaud, was a recent guest of his mother, Mrs. Isaac Arnold.

Mrs. Gordon Allard and two daughters, of Sandy Cove, Digby Co., N.S., spent a week with Mrs. Harry Bates and other relatives here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor D. Gaudry left Tuesday morning for Ottawa.

Children are rehearsing for the various Christmas entertainments to be given in this vicinity.

Mrs. E. Larose is a patient in the Notre Dame Hospital, Montreal. Friends hope for her speedy recovery.

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ST. ANDREWS EAST

On December first the thermometer hovered about the zero mark. There has been a film of ice on the river since November 28, and it is steadily getting thicker.

Signal Boatswain George Lipscombe (W.O.), of Halifax, N.S., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lipscombe.

Miss Ida Hopper, of Montreal, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. Charman, for the week-end.

Other week-enders in St. Andrews were Messrs. Howard Lalonde and Bill DeWitt.

Sgmn. Lloyd Lilly came home last Thursday on two days' leave after a week in camp hospital with influenza.

We note with satisfaction the salvaging of the iron rails by the C.N.R. from their gravel pit; whether to be used elsewhere or for munitions, was not reported.

CUSHING WEST

Mrs. T. W. Weir is spending the week with friends in Montreal.

Mr. A. C. Pinkerton, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hartley motored here and spent the week-end.

Miss Helen Whelehan, of Montreal, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. S. Whelehan.

Capt. and Mrs. T. W. Weir, accompanied by the Rev. and Mrs. Dempsey and Mr. J. Innes, motored to the city on Tuesday.

"The Argenteuil" has been installed in her dock at Carillon and her crew dismissed for the winter.

The Cushing Branch of the Red Cross wishes to acknowledge a donation of $12 from a generous friend.

GRENVILLE NORTH

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McCart were — the Misses Genevieve and Beatrice McCart, of Brownsburg, Lawrence Derouin, the Misses Seguin and Cadieux, also Mr. Lamarche, of St. Philippe.

Mrs. Thos. H. Gauley, also Mr. Corl Gauley, were visitors on Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gauley.

The Misses Edith and Stella Cousins, of Brownsburg, were recent visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kennedy, who have been living in Pine Hill for the past year, have returned to their home here.

Master J. Derouin, of St. Philippe, spent the week-end at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Bernard McCart.

BOY SCOUT SALVAGERS ARE CARRYING ON

Boy Scouts across Canada continue to play a major part in the National Salvage Campaign, the resulting funds being turned over to the Red Cross and other special war purposes, including the Boy Scouts' own "Baden Powell Chins-Up Fund" for brother Scout war sufferers in Britain. Three truckloads of salvage collected by Watford, Ont., Scouts produced something over $200 for the Red Cross. Twelve Edmonton Scout Troops, under their Scoutmasters, covered their respective residential districts in that city's aluminum drive. Victoria's aluminum campaign included house-to-house calls by 700 Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs.

Macleod, Alta., Scouts are working on their second carload of scrap metal, much of it old machinery, including tractors, brought in to the Scout Hall salvage dump. Receipts from the first carload produced $60 for the Red Cross and $25 for "Chins-Up." The Scouts of Hawkesbury,, Ont., collected two and a half tons of waste paper, over two tons of iron and steel, quantities of other metals and nearly 100 tires. Sydney, N.S., Scouts were credited by the local press with saving the local aluminum drive by house-to-house calls. In numerous places Scouts have been acting as receivers of aluminum at Saturday morning moving picture "aluminum matinees," and at public schools.

CROTIAN MARRIAGE BAN

London (CP)—In German-occupied Crotia marriage with a non-Aryan partner has been made punishable with six months imprisonment and loss of civil rights.

MABEL

Mrs. Leslie Griffith and little daughter, Caron, of Lachute, visited at the home of Mr. Geo. Clark on Friday.

The monthly meeting of the Frontier W.I. is to be held at the home of Mrs. Jno. Heatlie on Friday evening, December 5.

Miss Thelma Clark and Mr. P. Todd visited friends in this community on Sunday.

Miss Geraldine Watson, of Ottawa, also LAC. Wm. Murdoch, R.C.A.F., of St. Johns, were week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Murdoch.

A number of their neighbors in this community met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Clark on Monday evening to listen to the Farm Forum radio broadcast. Mr. A. Bothwell was present from Lachute and helped to organize a listening group. Mrs. R. Campbell presented programs for the season's activities. The next meeting will be at the home of Mr and Mrs. John Heatlie on Monday, December 8, at 8.30 p.m.

GIVE POOR MALE CHRISTMAS BREAK

Don't be Rude to Innocent Captive of Mad Shopping Rush

There is no better time than the Christmas shopping rush for women to resolve not to be rude to men they run into in crowds, says a writer on Common Courtesy.

Even women are talking about the women who sit at quick-lunch counters and smoke a cigaret after coffee while people (and men) wait for seats. It is thoughtless, of course.

After all, these people waiting probably are in just as much of a hurry as the girl who can't resist the smoke. Besides the proprietor wishes she wouldn't do it, because he makes his money by people changing seats fast.

Men pick up your gloves if you drop them. It is only fair for you to tell the man with an armful of packages that he dropped a small one, even for you to pick it up for him as he would for you.

And don't snap at a man who asks you how to get somewhere in a department store, or at which counter to get some items. Maybe you've got a kind face and he needs a little cheer to ease his shopping problem. If you don't know, send him to the nearest information clerk.

The minister met Tom, the village ne'er-do-well, and, much to the latter's surprise, shook him heartily by the hand. "I'm so glad you've turned over a new leaf, Thomas," said the good man.

"Me?" returned Tom, looking at him dubiously.

"Yes, I was so pleased to see you at the prayer meeting last night."

"Oh," said Tom, light breaking in on him. "So that's where I was, is it?"

EXTRA MUTTON FOR AIRMEN

Pretoria (CP)—Farmers of the Prieska and other districts of South Africa contributed 264 sheep to the S.A. Commando in appreciation of an air display the commando gave them.



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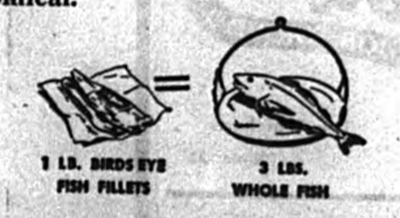
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THE WOMAN'S PAGE

Hints for Homebodies

By Jessie Allen Brown

THE CHRISTMAS PROBLEM

Most people are genuinely puzzled as to just what they should do about Christmas this year. In the first place, there are so many demands on the purse these days that money is a problem. Then, too, most feel that when there is so much suffering those of us who have plenty have no right to have more. Yet we feel that Christmas is something we must always celebrate. Perhaps we can find a middle road, spend less and yet keep the spirit of the day alive. One woman said she was not giving the usual presents to her nieces and nephews this year but was giving instead to English children who are here for the duration. Their Foster-parents are having a rather difficult time managing the extra expenses — who wouldn't? That idea might well be followed, as the extra expenses of guest children must be great. Another woman has taken most of her Christmas money and has sent parcels to English people (strangers), and having pleasure in choosing things they may need most. Others have sent boxes to soldiers. Another has put most of her Christmas money in smokes for the soldiers. Probably that is what most of us will do, spend less here, and send more abroad.

TOYS ARE EDUCATIONAL

Toys are usually bought with the idea of pleasing a child or to give them something to help keep them quiet. Too often not enough care is taken in selecting a toy and one which gives pleasure for the moment rather than one which will give occupation over a long period of time, is chosen. Toys have more than entertainment value, and good toys should help build good habits. They will teach perseverence, self-reliance, resourcefulness, carefulness, and the ability to keep happily busy. Wrong toys will encourage laziness. The mechanical toy lets the child sit back and be entertained without doing a thing for himself.

CONSIDER THE AGE

Expensive toys are not always the most valuable, nor do they give the most pleasure to the child. It has been the experience of most parents to see a small child pay no attention to an expensive toy that the parents have set their hearts on, and to have the greatest delight over a trifle from the five-and ten. Things must be chosen to suit the child's age. Electric trains are the worst offenders. When a small child would get the most pleasure out of an iron pull train it is given an electric one and by the time he is ready for it, the train has lost its interest and is probably broken. Father should restrain his interest in electric trains for a few years! On the other hand a nest of boxes may have become too simple for the child or a picture puzzle may be too easy to fit together and the child loses all interest. If construction sets, puzzles, and toys which are too heavy and difficult for a child to manage, are given, the child is discouraged, and may just give up trying. Most of us have seen a child go into a tantrum because he could not accomplish what he was trying to do with some of his playthings.

SHORTBREAD

½ lb. Butter, 2 cups flour, ¾ cup brown sugar.

Cream the butter thoroughly then add the sugar gradually and cream well, being sure the sugar has no lumps. If it is at all lumpy it had better be put through a sieve. Add the sifted flour and mix well. Knead slightly, roll to a half inch thickness and form into large cakes, or cut with a cookie cutter. If the dough is chilled for awhile it is much easier to handle. Turn the baking sheet upside down, cover with a heavy paper, place your shortbread on this and bake in a slow oven of 275 degrees until gently browned. White sugar may be used if you prefer it, but in that case use only ½ cup.

LIGHT FRUIT CAKE

½ lb. Butter, 2 cups brown sugar, 2 eggs, 1 cup milk, 3 cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, 1 teaspoon lemon extract, ½ lb. of raisins, ½ lb. currants, ¼ lb. of mixed peel, ½ cup nuts.

Cream the butter and sugar and add the well-beaten eggs, and the extract. Sift a little of the flour on the fruit and nuts, then sift the remaining flour and the other dry ingredients, adding them alternately with the milk. Add the fruit and nuts and mix well. Line a pan with paper, butter it, and pour in the batter, then bake at 325 degrees. Instead of mixing the nuts through the batter in a fruit cake I like to put half the batter in a pan, sprinkle this with nuts, then add the remaining batter. This distributes them evenly. Candied cherries may be added to this cake for Christmas use.

FARMERS' WIVES' CHARITY IDEAS

Mrs. Henry Ford Heads Group Making Unique What-Nots

New York, Dec. 4, (CP) — Mrs. Henry Ford, wife of the motor magnate, has served as honorary president of the National Farm and Garden Association, whose New York shop markets Christmas gifts which 500 women have made. Most of the women live on farms and make the gifts to earn pin money or Christmas charity funds.

A Vermont farmer's wife makes buttons of walnuts; a Westchester woman turns out handmade pottery madonnas, a New Jerseyite designs red flannel Christmas stockings with bells on the toes for children to hang. Other women design pine cone lapel accents, buttons of deer antlers and necklaces of colored macaroni. A group of Kentuckians produces broods of yellow turkish towling ducks to earn Christmas funds for a crippled children's home.

Technicians in British W.A.A.F.



At a camp in the west of England, a section of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force personnel are undergoing a course of training to qualify them as electricians. This work is of a very intricate nature and the girls are proving themselves very skillful on the job. In this photograph British sailors and members of the W.A.A.F. train side by side as electricians.

BLACKOUT PARTY BRINGS GOOD FRIENDS TOGETHER, DESPITE TERRORS OF WAR

(Continued from Page 3)

There is that nice woman who took me out one evening in the car, one of those very, very rare joy-rides that sometimes happen after weeks of gasoline-saving. Her two children and her husband were there, and we prowled around picking blackberries — as if we hadn't a care in the world. Later she told me the story: why they are living in an all-too-small furnished bungalow.

These people are right in the thick of the Battle of Britain. For hours one night they crouched in a closet under the stairs, not having had time to get out to the shelter. They could not lie down; there was scarcely room to breathe. And outside hell roared and raged, and every now and then the walls shook with the crashes. London was pandemonium. Once she crawled out on her hands and knees to fetch food, feeling her way to the laredr and grabing anything she could reach; clawing at the shelves in the darkness, deafened by the dreadful noise.

Took Them All In

After a long while there was a silence; a knock was heard on the door. She crept out, and there was a warden. Her house, he told her, was practically the only one left on that side for half a block. Outside she could see the glare of fires, and she heard the crying of children. There was a great hole in the road. The thing was like a nightmare.

"Oh, bring the poor dears in here, do!" she begged him; and in they trooped. The house was soon filled with mothers and frightened kiddies, all homeless.

"Our electric light had gone, of course," she said to me, "but, by some fluke, my gas stove still worked. So I set to and made tea. All night long I was making tea for them. They were so grateful, poor things."

Yet she looks trim and dainty, that brave woman. Somehow she has got together some pretty things for herself and the little girl. She works in the garden and in the bungalow, looking sane and wholesome, and nobody would ever imagine that such things had happened to her. She grew very angry—and then laughed a lot—when a cow got into the garden, last month, and devoured the lettuces. "And after all the trouble we'd taken," she said," to keep even the dog out!"

Reckoning is Coming

That is what I like about her and her kind. They insist upon being sane and wholesome; they still appreciate the nonsense of ordinary things. Nobody is allowed to guess what they think at times—for think they must assuredly. The one thing which really maddens them is coming across somebody who won't face up to it; the breed of the poor fool who resents any changes in his or her life, who hasn't been blitzed and has no imagination about it. We still have a few like that; nice little private isolationists. Thank goodness there are only a few. They still want their tins of pineapple and their afternoon naps; the question of shipping, and the fact that certain folk must work about at all hours of the day (even at the risk of disturbing them) have not yet percolated. But you should see the twitch of neighbors' eyebrows when they take their celebrated ill-health out for a bit of a walk! Personally, I have a happy conviction that, when all this is over, there will be a subtle reckoning. It is going to be good, I give you my word.

There is one thing I have heard which interests me—which, I think would interest anybody who enjoys a real home : that is the fact that the "real home", in a blitzed area hardly exists any more, in one sense. As a friend said to me last week, "It's one of the most infuriating things — the muddle. You've no idea. Even if your house hasn't been touched you have to be ready, and the furniture is all over the place". Attics of course, have to be cleared;; and, in addition, so many folk have stored friends' treasures for them. One sees upended couches in the kitchen, beds in the lounge, trunks and stuff piled along both sides of corridors. A woman who used to be house-proud just can't bear to think about it! She goes on making the best of the pickle, forcing herself to become accustomed to living as if she were camping out on a railway-station.

Count Our Blessings

Yet how fortunate we have been, after all, considering what has happened to others. (No, that isn't untimely boasting. It is a blessing for which many of us are properly thankful. It has given us a "breather" and time to pick up more strength and courage for what may lie ahead of us. I have no patience with the "touch wood" school who are afraid to admit when luck comes their way!) The wretched Czechs now under martial law; people being shot and massacred all over the continent—and we may still speak our minds, enjoy our fair share of rations, potter about on our allotments. And with it all we are having a wonderful Indian Summer. After weeks of wretched, dull weather there have been fine days and warm evenings with clear, lovely sunsets. Who would not be thankful? But the ollotment . . . There is sad news of the potatoes, for we have the finest crop of wireworm, fancy, in the annals. The Gardening Partner, enveloped in a cloud of gloom, has been heaving out the spuds in the manner of a broken man. "And now we've got that lot out," he observes darkly, "I suppose the pests will rush across the path and fasten on the artichokes". Will they? Do they? I have no notion: but I am not optimistic. All over the field there are broken-looking residents heaving out spuds, so one draws a spot of selfish comfort from that.

"I know now", says the G.P., leaning disconsolately on his spade, "why farmers are always pessimists. I've never understood them before." Well, I suppose no experience is wasted if it widens one's sympathies! But I don't think I'll tell him that. It might not be too well received.

'Phone Heroine Of Scilly Isles

Awarded British Empire Medal for Good Work While Wounded

Houghton, Scilly Isles, Nov. 20, (CP) — Dazed and injured by a bomb which killed her best friend, Petrina Noble carried on with her job of Air Raid Precautions telephone operator for four hours before accepting medical treatment. She has been awarded the British Empire Medal.

Urge Municipal Doctor For Medical Services

It has been agreed by resolution passed by the Women's Institutes of Simcoe County that the Ontario Government be urged to pass legislation to enable municipalities to appoint a municipal doctor whose services would be available in all cases of illness, the cost to be borne by the municipality and paid for through taxation. The day may come when such legislation may be a possibility, but we are of the opinion it is a long way in the future.

—Carleton Place Canadian

SHOPPING EARLY ? TODAY'S REASONS MORE THAN EVER

Early Bird This Year Has Chance But Many Stocks in Stores Cannot be Replaced

By ADELAIDE KERR
Associated Press Staff Writer

Better whip your Christmas list into shape and put your shopping shoes on earlier than ever this year.

The boys who check up on Big Business predict the greatest Christmas spending spree ever known. And before Santa starts out with his pack Christmas Eve, they say, we may face a shortage of some of the things we want most.

According to merchandise experts in the gift mart, buyers in the stores have laid in a good supply for an average Christmas and there will be plenty of most things for early shoppers. But extra earnings are expected to send a huge flock of spenders into the gift market to buy the stock on hand. When that is gone, some of it can't be replaced, the experts say, because of war materials manufacturing demands and other restrictions.

Big Buyers' Ideas

To find out what gifts may be scarce before Christmas, I talked with buyers who purchase for stores and shops from coast to coast. I also talked to other merchandise experts. And this is what they told me :

You better step fast if you're bent on buying your favorite lady glamor of the most expensive kind.

Imported French perfumes and silk lingerie trimmed with imported lace are not plentiful. The more costly costume jewel baubles ($10 up) may run a bit short, too, because skilled technicians are now in defence work and stones are harder to get. But there promises to be plenty of less expensive costume jewels.

Even Hankies

If you have fine handkerchiefs on your mind, don't waste much time. A large part of the supply, especially the embroidered ones, came from China, and the supply is not increasing. Fairly large stocks are still on hand.

Cotton goods are scarce because of government purchases, so if you have your heart set on remembering the bride with bathtowels or sheets, hurry along.

You should also shop early for gifts containing metal because of the government restrictions on basic supplies. Such things as waffle irons, sandwich grills, pressing irons and chafing dishes may be hard to get later. Ther is a definited shortage of silverware.

Don't dawdle about Johnny's metal toys. Toy buyers are generally well covered at present, but the supply of trains, toy automobiles, soldiers and such, may run down before it is time to trim the tree.

Don't delay your shopping for plastic cigaret boxes, ash trays and other plastic gadgets. Don't shop late for furniture either. Many stores refuse orders for delivery under three or four weeks. Gifts we used to get from Europe, such as tooled leather boxes, are hard to obtain.

If you want to give shirts to the man in your life, you may find you have a problem already. Pyjamas, mufflers and ties of silk are other gifts to buy early — if you can.

After you have bought all your gifts, don't relax until you have boxed them, too. Reports in the market say there is a threatened shortage of pasteboard gift boxes.

There is one bit of solace. The merchandise men say that, though there is a scarcity of nylon hose, Madame can have her silk stockings again this Christmas.

WOMEN TO FIGHT FIRES

Glasgow, Nov. 20, (CP) — Two fire stations, staffed entirely by women, will be in service in Scotland by Christmas. Eighty women have begun a training course and will be posted to the stations relieving men for other jobs.

FATE OF SOLDIER'S WIFE

Romford, Eng., (CP)—"Suicide while mind disturbed", was the verdict of coroner's jury in the case of a soldier's wife who gassed herself while "worrying with 11 or 12 forms" necessary for obtaining the supplementary allowance.

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Shirley Temple Is Growing Up



Shirley Temple, who has returned to the films, is shown vacationing at the Desert Inn at Palm Springs. Shirley is growing to be quite a young lady, she's 14 now. She was photographed while playing a game of darts.

OBSERVERS FROM CAPE

London (CP) — Three South African members of parliament have arrived in London with the blessing of Prime Minister J. C. Smuts to see Britain at war.

NEW USE FOR A STREET ROLLER

A new and novel use for a street roller was discovered by the Boy Scouts and Red Cross Society of Trail, B.C. At the conclusion of an aluminum drive which netted some 1500 pots, pans and other aluminumware, and after the Scouts had removed handles and other non-aluminum metal parts, the utensils were spread out on the pavement and the street roller was sent over them. The flattened pieces were then crated for shipment.

FOR PRO-NAZI CHURCH

London, (CP)—While the prison of Pastor Niemoller, German church leader interned by Nazis for criticizing their policies, has been unknown for months, Bishop Heckel "evangelical bishop of all Germans living abroad" has ordered pastors of German churches in South America to keep silent on the "German church conflict".

MISHEEDED OWN WARNING

Rhymney, Monmouthshire (CP) Frederick Henry, whose warning to a man and woman to watch out for a live wire hanging from a street lamp went unheeded, caught the wire in his own hands and was electrocuted.

HOLD POOL AND BILLIARD CONTEST AT BROWNSBURG

Badminton and Bowling in Swing at Brownsburg, Skiers to Organize

SNOOKER ARTISTS SHOOT FOR BIRDS

Brownsburg, December 2 —

With the commencement of the pool and billiard turkey tournaments, local cue artists will get a chance at a turkey to help keep the wolf away from the door during the holiday season. The billiard competitions will take the form of a ladder tournament. The man at the top of the heap at the end of eighty games will be awarded a turkey and a new ladder will be started, giving another sharpshooter a chance to knock off a Christmas dinner.

Pool competition will also last for eighty games, with the high individual score at the end of the series of eighty copping the turkey. As in the case of billiards a new tournament and a new chance to get the bird will start every eighty games.

RACQUETEERS NET THRILLS GALORE

With mid-seasbn form being displayed (in certain cases) the badminton club ladder tournament is in full swing. Close matches are the order of the day and as yet no one is head and shoulders above the mob. To supplement the singles play, a doubles tournament will start in the near future for those who prefer hunting in pairs to lone wolfing it. Another big event of the season for badminton club members and their friends, was the fall Badminton Dance held in the Social Club Gym last Friday night when badminton and other swings were on display.

PIN LEAGUES TIGHTEN UP

Major developments along the bowling front during the past two weeks include the formation of a new league for the wives of employees and a general tightening up in the league races as the first series enters the home stretch.

In the Gold Shift League, the league-leading Lions dropped a pair of contests and allowed the Tigers and Dragons to close right up on their heels. The Brass Strips of the Office League increased their lead by another point to move out two points ahead of the second place Tracers who dropped one contest Tuesday night, while the rest of the field moved closer to the second-placers. Plastics "A" team look like the class of the Industrial League but a bad night might see much of their advantage crumble.

High scores in the respective leagues are given below :

West Side Bowling League
Ladies' High Average
Winnifred Seary 224
Men's High Average
A. Gibeault 221

Gold Shift Bowling League
Ladies' High Average
Lola Wilson 151
Men's High Average
Bill Whitby 241

Silver Shift Bowling League
Ladies' High Average
M. Dumas 143
Men's High Average
H. Moore 196

Office Bowling League
Ladies' High Average
Hilary Jones 173
Men's High Average
Len Winchester 195

Industrial Bowling League
Ladies' High Average
S. Tomlinson 189
Men's High Average
Art Holden 240

SKIERS TO ORGANIZE

Thursday evening, December 4, Brownsburg's Knights of the Barrel Stave will hold their first meeting in the card room of the Recreation Hall at 7.00 p.m., when the Brownsburg Ski Club will be organized. With real ski weather just in the offing, neck-or-nothing enthusiasts are looking forward to risking their necks on the hills of the district. The Ski Club, which is under the leadership of Don Smith, plans to afford an opportunity for organized skiing.

—From "The Tracer"

AN HONEST EXCUSE FOR BEING LATE

Four young Wolf Cubs of Holy Trinity Wolf Cub Pack of Welland, Ont., were late at the weekly meeting. On their way they had found a purse containing a considerable sum of money. They held a consultation, and took the purse to police headquarters, so they had an honest excuse for being late.

COLORED BOY SCOUTS OF NIGERIA DISTRIBUTE OFFICIAL WAR NEWS

The spreading of official information and the discounting of rumors is a valuable piece of service being rendered by the Boy Scouts of Nigeria. The Scouts of Opobo are reading and explaining the war news to the people of their community. His Excellency the Governor of Nigeria in a recent broadcast referred to the value of this Scout service.

COMING EVENTS

Notices of Entertainments. Concerts or Meetings, etc., 10 cents per line each insertion. Minimum 50 cents. If billed, 60 cts.

DANCE

A dance will be held in Louisa Orange Hall under auspices of No. 717 Lodge, on Saturday night, December 6. Admission 25c. Door prize. -1p

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Ladies' Guild of St. Simeon's Anglican Church will hold their annual Christmas bazaar in the Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church hall on Saturday, December 6. Christmas novelties, useful gifts, home-cooking and candy, fish pond. Afternoon tea from 3 to 6 o'clock. D4-2c.

SPECIAL SHOW

A special show Wednesday evening, December 10, under auspices of Lachute Lions Club, at the Rex Theatre; Main attraction — Fibber McGee and Molly, Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy, and Lucille Ball in "Look Who's Laughing". Admission 40c. This show is in aid of the cigarette fund for soldiers overseas. Help support a worthy cause.

JERUSALEM FARMERS' CLUB ANUAL MEETING AND TURKEY SUPPER

The St. Jerusalem Farmers' Club will hold their annual meeting and turkey supper in the Lachute Auditorium on Thursday, December 11, at 7.30 p.m. Guest speakers : H. R. Hare and Miss L. Pepper, both of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. Tickets $1.00. -1c

LACHUTE UNITED W.M.S.

The monthly meeting of Lachute United Church W.M.S. will be held on Thursday afternoon, December 11. Each member is asked to bring an article, which will be sent for a Christmas box to the Lachine Children's Home. This will be in response to Mrs. Purdy's recent visit to the W.M.S. -1c

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One Brood Mare Is Sold for $70,000

Big Prices for British Bloodstock

(By Mail)

London,—British livestock breeders are already planning how they may help, when peace comes, in the immense task of stocking again those wide areas of Europe which have been robbed of their livestock. To co-ordinate what they are now doing and to help in the further work of grading up overseas herds after the war a Livestock Export Group has been formed in London with the assistance of the Industrial and Export Council of the Board of Trade.

Meanwhile racing men gave emphatic evidence of their confidence in these plans for the future when Tattersall's held their autumn bloodstock sales at Newmarket. The 302 animals offered realized a grand total of 99,677 guineas, an average of 330 guineas ($1.650) per head.

About half the total was accounted for by buyers' leaping at the opportunity of acquiring the 42 head sold in the dispersal of Lord Furness' Gilltown stud, which made 49,005 guineas, an average of no less than 1,666 guineas. Carpet Slipper, a daughter of Phalaris, and in foal to Hyperion — she will drop either a brother or a sister to Godiva — made 14,000 guineas ($70,000), the highest figure paid for a brood mare in public auction for sixteen years. She was bought for the Brownstown stud, the underbidder being the Aga Khan.

CAPITOL BROWNSBURG

Sun., continuous show from 2 p.m. . . Wed. & Fri. Matinees 1.30 p.m.

FRI., SAT., DEC. 5-6
Vivien Leigh, Laurence OLIVIER,
THAT HAMILTON WOMAN
Charles Bickford, Evelyn Ankers,
BURMA CONVOY
PARAMOUNT NEWS

SUN., MON., DEC. 7-8
Johnny WEISSMULLER, Maureen O'SULLIVAN in
Tarzan's Secret Treasure
Robert Young, Ruth Hussey and
MARRIED BACHELOR
JUNIOR G-MEN SERIAL

TUES., WED., THURS., DEC. 9, 10, 11
Eleanor POWELL, Ann SOTHERN, Robert Young, Lionel Barrymore in
LADY BE GOOD
Jeffrey Lynn, Jane Wyman in
BODY DISAPPEARS
POPULAR SCIENCE REEL

SAVINGS FROM SANTA

London (CP) — Cement firms in Kent county plan to give savings stamps to 5,000 of their employees' children this Christmas.

REFUGEE BOY SCOUTS REORGANIZE IN PALESTINE

As the result of a rally of Polish Jewish Boy Scouts at Tel Aviv, and the attendance of representatives of Jewish, Arab and English Scouts, a committee was established to correlate and carry on international Boy Scout activities in the Near and Middle East. The Polish Scouts cabled the exiled Polish Government in London that they were ready for service as a Scout organization. Cabled greetings were received from Samarkand, and from Latvian and Polish Scouts who had escaped to Bukhara.

AN HEBRIDEAN BREEZE

London (CP) — A moving picture on the lives of the people of the Hebrides, famed for weaving tweeds, will be shown in Canada and the U.S. with its musical score based on Hebridean folk song.

REX HOUSE OF HITS

FRI., SAT., DEC. 5-6
Lew AYRES, Laraine DAY, Lionel BARRYMORE in
The People vs. Dr. Kildare
Charles Coburn, Annie Shirley, James Craig in
Unexpected Uncle
with Renee Haal, Russell Gleason.
FOX NEWS OF THE DAY

SUN., MON., TUES., DEC. 7-8-9
Eleanor POWELL, Ann SOTHERN Robert Young, Lionel Barrymore
LADY, BE GOOD
Edmund Lowe, William Gargan, Peggy Moran in
FLYING CADETS
THE GOOSE GOES SOUTH

WEDNESDAY DEC. 10
Special program under auspices of the Lachute Lions Club.
Edgar BERGEN, Charlie McCARTHY
LOOK WHO'S LAUGHING
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One of the famous "Crime does not pay" series.
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Woven silk broadcloths in pin stripe and group stripe patterns. Expertly tailored by "Arrow". Styled with separate or attached collar. Sizes 14 to 17.
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Men's Gift Shirts
He can never have too many shirts. The gift he can wear will be well appreciated. Choose a couple of striped or plain, from our large variety.
Sizes 14 to 17.
$1.35 to $2.00

Men's Gift Scarves
A scarf that he will be proud to wear. Beautiful Paisley designs on real silk. Most popular shades of maroon, green, brown, yellow, tan and blue. Reefer style and fringed ends. There are plain whites in the lot, too.
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Men's fancy parkas, wind resistant and water repellent cloths. Hip-length with elastic tuck waistline. Expertly tailored, with four large pockets and full length zipper. Knitted inner wrist band. Casha-lined throughout. Sizes 34 to 44.
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Men's Gift Sox "Harvey Woods"
A multitude of patterns and colors in this famous brand of men's hose. Buy him several gift pairs of these, at a saving.
Sizes 10 to 11½.
50c. - 75c. - $1.00 pr.

Women's Ski Slacks
Outstanding "downhill" style. Smartly tailored from fine wool gabardine cloth in blue and brown; construction includes—zipper fastener, high waist rise, roomy cut, with adjustable slide strap. Sizes 14 to 20.
Price $6.95

Polka-Dot Scarves
Men's fine pure silk polka-dot scarves in blue and maroon. Reefer style and fringed ends.
Price $3.50

Ladies' Corduroy Jumpers
All the girls want one—this quality of English cotton corduroy jumper that can "take it" and still look good. The jumper is fashioned with jaunty hip pockets, easy to get into, with buttons up the side.
Colors — Royal blue, wine, brown and navy.
Price $3.95

Girls' Sets
Famous Britannia, all-wool fabrics fashioned into generous sized, long wearing 3-piece sets. One style with Bombay lamb collar, the other with fur edging, with matching leggings and bonnet, in green, navy blue, royal blue, wine and red.
Sizes 4 to 6x
Price $9.95

Rubin's MAIN STREET, LACHUTE

Ford War Work in Far East



(Courtesy Straits Times, Singapore)

CANADIAN-BUILT military vehicles for Empire forces in the Far East are rolling from the assembly lines in the new $500,000 plant of Ford Motor Company of Malaya in Singapore. Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief, Far East, recently inspected the new plant. Left to right, Sir Robert; C. R. Michels, managing-director of Ford of Malaya; Squadron Leader Cox, personal assistant to the Commander-in-Chief, and D. Milne, secretary of the company. The six-acre plant is said to be the most modern motor assembly plant in the Far East and although the building is not fully completed, assembly operations are in full swing to meet the urgent demand for military equipment. Chasses and parts for assembly are supplied from the Windsor plant of Ford of Canada. Crates of these materials are shown in the background. Ford of Malaya is one of the five overseas companies in the Empire supplied by Ford of Canada. All are engaged in the production of "tools of war" to the full extent of their facilities.

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Plymouth 1939 4-Door
Plymouth 1938 2-Door
Dodge 1938 4-Door
Dodge 1935 4-Door
Ford 1936 2-Door

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DEVELOPMENTS BRING WAR CONDITIONS CLOSER TO CANADA

New War Loan Announced To Be Issued in February, 500 Million

PRICE CONTROL MACHINERY IN MOTION; CLARIFICATION OF WAGE POLICY NEXT, AMENDMENTS REMOVE FEW EXEMPTIONS

CANADIAN PARACHUTE CORPS IS LIKELY

— THE WEEK IN OTTAWA —

Specially Written for the Watchman
By ALAN HARVEY, Canadian Press Staff Writer

Ottawa, Dec. 9 — Now engaged in a two-ocean war, Canada this week intensified her war activity and imposed restrictions which brought actual war conditions to the very doorstep of Canadian homes.

Pre-arranged Pacific Coast defences were put into effect following the outbreak of hostilities in the Pacific. In west coast cities lights were dimmed to protect Canada's Pacific shore from threat of enemy attack.

From the moment of a quickly-called cabinet meeting Sunday, a few hours after the Japanese attacks on United States territory, there was renewed activity in Ottawa official circles. The cabinet took the lead among democracies in declaring war on Japan.

Many of the steps taken to meet the new threat were shrouded in official secrecy. There was reason to believe, from previous statements of Navy Minister Macdonald, that units of the Royal Canadian Navy were in the Pacific, but no definite information was available.

No immediate indication was given of the government's intention concerning reserve units and there was speculation on whether they would be called out to increase Canada's armed forces to more than 300,000 men.

The new Edmonton-Whitehorse-Alaska air route held an important place in western defence plans, providing a valuable link between the United States and Alaska and opening a shortened route for aerial travel to Shanghai.

Members of the armed forces faced the possibility of having their Christmas leave cancelled. In the capital Mayor Lewis announced that sand would be made available to Ottawa residents for fire protection purposes. Within a matter of hours Canadians realized that "it can happen here."

Announce New War Loan

With the Government preparing to meet increased financial burdens resulting from extension of the war to the Pacific area, Finance Minister Ilsley announced a new War Loan for $500,000,000 will be offered to the Canadian public in February.

The new loan will bring the amount of money raised by the Dominion through borrowing from the public for war purposes to more than $2,000,000,000. He also announced that a plan to co-ordinate War Savings and National Loan Committees will soon become effective.

Provincial Government treasurers have been asked by Mr. Ilsley to confer with him in Ottawa on December 18 to settle finally the questions still outstanding on tax proposals to provinces contained in the 1941 budget. He said the help and co-operation of the provinces had been received in dealing with the proposed agreements.

Price and Wage Control

The new crisis in the Pacific pushed from front page developments in the government's double-barrelled program for fighting inflation — price and wage control.

While the 11-man National War Labor Board held a series of meetings to determine details of the new wage legislation, Labor Minister McLarty announced that the original order-in-council covering the wages plan has been extended to provide a cost-of-living bonus for virtually all industrial employees and also extending the wage "freezing" policy. Interpretations of the new regulations are expected shortly from the National War Labor Board.

Thus, employers and employees who have been baffled by some of the provisions of the original order, will probably get clarification of the wage policy this month.

Exceptions Removed

The amendments remove previous exemptions in the building and construction industries with less than 10 employees and other employers with less than 50.

The order now affects every class of employee except Dominion, provincial and municipal employees, employees in agriculture, horticulture, fishing, hunting, trapping and domestic service, and employees of some non-profit institutions. Nine provincial regional boards will be appointed to help administer the policy instead of the five originally planned.

Developments in the price control field have included announcement of seasonal increases in retail prices of coal and coke; setting of maximum wholesale turkey prices at 31 cents a pound for grade A birds in carlots at Vancouver and 32 cents at Montreal and Toronto, with other grades to find their own level in relation to the retail ceiling prices.

Export Control

Meantime Trade Minister Mackinnon disclosed that export trade is being jeopardized by scarcity of certain strategic materials and hinted that additional reductions in quantity of some goods available to the domestic market may have to be accepted. John M. Evans of Montreal, newly-appointed head of the Export Control Committee, will help formulate and carry out the government's export policy. One

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Keeps 'Em Flying



Pilot of the bomber in which Sir Frederick Banting died in Newfoundland, and later reported killed in the crash of another ferry plane, Capt. Joseph Mackey is still in the bomber-delivery service. He is shown here as he returned to New York in a Cape Town clipper after delivering a U.S.-built plane to a destination in Africa.

FIRE CHIEF REQUESTS CITIZENS COLLABORATE

Chimney sweeps commissioned by Lachute Corporation have now completed their round of town properties, and have inspected and cleaned all chimneys. Fire Chief Geo. Y. Deacon in commending this move states, however, that precautions should not stop at this point. Householders have their own responsibility and obligation, to see that stovepipes within the premises are kept clean. These pipes should be cleaned at least twice a year, according to the Fire Chief. Otherwise they present a hazard for which there is no excuse except gross negligence.

Discussing matters of concern to Lachute Fire Brigade Chief Deacon drew attention to the coming Firemen's Ball on New Year's Eve — which will be the 20th annual event of its kind held by the Brigade. New Year's Eve falls this year on a Wednesday and it is expected the event will draw a big crowd.

6 Months Term Is Sentence on Gov'l Motorist

A SEQUEL TO HIGHWAY DEATH LAST AUGUST, VANKLEEK HILL

CONVICTED FOR "FAILING TO REMAIN AT SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT"

Hawkesbury, Dec. 5 — After deliberating for three hours, a jury in County Court found George Daviau, 22, of Grenville, guilty of failing to remain at the scene of an accident. Daviau was found not guilty of reckless driving. The case concerned a fatal auto accident last August.

Judge Albert Constantineau, of Ottawa, sentenced Daviau to six months in jail.

The charge of reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident were laid by Provincial Constable A. Gilmour, Hawkesbury, following an accident between Hawkesbury and Vankleek Hill on the evening of August 1, when Stanley King, 45, Vankleek Hill, was struck and killed by the car driven by the accused. King, in the employ of a local farmer, was leading a horse on the highway at the time.

Several witnesses were heard. Dr. T. R. Little, Ottawa pathologist, testified that blood, hair and scalp clinging to the right front door of the car were identical with those of King. Dr. G. D. MacIntyre, Vankleek Hill, testified that King died of a fracture of the skull. Evelyn Dupelle, Vankleek Hill, only eye-witness of the accident, stated that King was walking on the highway, leading a horse, and that he took a step toward the centre of the road just before being struck.

Three witnesses testified to seeing a car at the time of the accident. Mrs. McColl Metcalfe testified that as her car was coming in the same direction as the Daviau car, she saw the car veer sharply to the left.

Officer Howard Jones, of the Quebec Traffic Police, found the car in Grenville on August 2, with blood stains and damaged door, and turned the car over to the Ontario officers. Provincial Constable R. Labrosse, of Hawkesbury, testified that on August 2 he questioned the accused, who at that time admitted that he had been on the Vankleek Hill highway at the time in question. Constable A. Gilmour, Hawkesbury, stated that Daviau had made a statement to him that he had seen a horse on the road but denied seeing a man, and thought that he might have hit a horse.

J. B. Woods, of Hawkesbury, was counsel for Daviau.

Annual Meeting Of Laurentian Ayrshire Ass'n

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED, MELVILLE SMITH IS PRESIDENT

PROF. ALEX. NESS OF MACDONALD COLLEGE GUEST SPEAKER

With ever increasing pride, members of the Laurentian Ayrshire Breeders Association were told by their President, Melville Smith, at the 21st annual banquet held in Lachute Auditorium last Thursday, that this was the banner year of the Association. "Certainly, from the standpoint of demand, it has never been surpassed", said Mr. Smith, "and that you, as breeders, have been able to meet this demand shows that you are appreciative of the requirements and are exhibiting a truly progressive spirit in meeting it."

"This year has seen the first national sale held in the Dominion. It was held at Oakville, Ont., and several breeders of this district either furnished, or were represented by animals which drew top bids in the auction ring. Then in June an Ayrshire Show was put on at the Lachute Spring Fair, which, for real quality, drew much favored comment. The directors of the Fair are deserving of our warmest congratulations, for their initiative in staging this important event in this community, having undertaken the task without the aid of a federal grant and such success marked their efforts that the Society turned over to the Argenteuil Spitfire Fund the sum of $500.

"Mr. J. H. Black, who is President of the Argenteuil Agricultural Society and Hon. President of the Ayrshire Breeders Association, has been quite active in supplying Mr. Wm. Gibson, of Spencer, Mass., with 184 Ayrshires from the surrounding district, and Mr. J. P. Bradley has also selected a number of Ayrshires and mixed breeds for American buyers. We have also been honored by the choice of Mr. and Mrs. Fowler McCormick, of Chicago, Ill., and Grand Anse, Que., in selecting over 20 animals for the nucleus of a herd which is destined to become topmost on the North-American Continent."

Introduced by Mr. Alex Bothwell, his college friend of bygone years, Professor Alex. Ness of Macdonald College gave the history of the different organizations which led up to the present, the progress made and the high ideals set that were goals nearing attainment. He said the three essentials in effecting success as good farmers were — hard work, good judgment and time. The speaker was thanked by J. H. Black and W. J. Rodger; J. E. Walker gratefully acknowledged the work of the ladies of Jerusalem and Bethany W.I., who had prepared such a lavish spread for the occasion. This found a ready seconder in Felix Hungerbuhler.

Among other speakers were Frank Napier, Sec'y of Canadian Ayrshire Breeders Assn., John Hadley, Jas. McKenzie, Jas. W. McGibbon, M.P., Mr. Berthiaume, Prof. Toupin and Lieut. Tremblay. Musical selections were given by "Jimmy" Duncan and the members enjoyed a jovial sing-song between courses.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows :—President, Melville Smith; Vice-President, F. Hungerbuhler and Secretary-Treasurer W. E. Rodger.

Demand Exceeds Supply at First Saturday Market

MARKET BY-LAW CLAUSE AFFECTING "PEDDLERS" IS MADE CLEAR

SALES CAN BE MADE AT MARKET ONLY, UNLESS BUSINESS TAX PAID

The first market day held in Lachute last Saturday, December 6, proved a success although it appears that the demand was greater than the supply. There were many vehicles, but at around 2 o'clock p.m. nearly every load had been sold out and reasonable prices are reported to have been paid on all commodities.

Farmers and inhabitants of Lachute are again invited to take full advantage of the market, in the interest of both the consumer and the producer. The vehicles are lined on Barron Ave., from the corner at Main Street southward.

Misunderstanding of the by-law seems prevalent insofar as it affects regular vendors of farm produce, eggs, butter, etc., many of whom have a weekly round of customers in town. The Watchman, consequently approached the town authorities for a clear explanation of this clause. The following statement is given out from the town office :

In answer to many enquiries made in connection with the new market by-law and the regulations governing sale and peddling of farm produce in Lachute — from now on such sale to the consumer shall be made only :

1. At the Town Market, on market days, upon payment of the fees of 50c. per place.
2. At any time and any place in Lachute, by peddling or otherwise, upon payment of business tax exacted by the Business Tax By-Law, namely $40. per year.

Any sales made to butchers or merchants are not subject to the Market or Business Tax By-Laws.

LOWER BRIDGE TOLLS

A "very appreciable" reduction in bridge tolls throughout Quebec will become effective next year prior to the tourist season, Premier Adelard Godbout has announced. The new schedule is now being drafted by Hon. T. D. Bouchard, Minister of Roads.

A slight, but general, increase in bridge tolls was decreed by the present Government shortly after it assumed power in 1939. The reason then given was that additional revenues were needed to get Quebec out of the red but that when this was achieved the scale would be levelled down. That time, apparently, has now come.

FARMERS AND SALVAGE

In connection with the renewed salvage drive in Lachute, all farmers are urgently requested to gather up broken machinery and tools. On the next visit to town load up the car, truck or wagon and give this scrap material to the town authorities. Tidy up the yard and the barn and make a contribution to the national war effort.

Protestant Education in the Province of Quebec

From One-Room Country School House to Municipally Controlled Consolidated School

A Series of Articles Prepared by the Protestant Committee of the Council of Education

1. Historical Development

Exactly one hundred years ago, the Government passed the first Quebec Education Act which divided the province into school municipalities.

Time marches on, and in its train brings changes which at any one time may seem small and scarcely noticeable; but when one considers the accumulation of these changes through one hundred years, it is possible to see how extensive they really are.

Although the first Education Act was passed in 1841, this does not mean there was no elementary or higher education before that time.

During the French regime, there were many schools, some of them excellent for the time, but after the cession of Canada to the British Crown, they declined in efficiency for various reasons.

During the latter part of the 18th century, and the beginning of the 19th century, attempts were made by existing governments to provide educational facilities for the children of the province.

A committee formed in 1787 published an excellent report in 1789; its report was, unfortunately, shelved.

The Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning was formed in 1801. While it succeeded in establishing several schools throughout the province, its success in promoting elementary education was slight. Later, it became the official name of McGill University which has made an ever-expanding contribution to provincial and Canadian higher education.

During the first quarter of the 19th century, Protestant settlers came in ever-increasing numbers, from the United States, from Scotland, from Ireland, and from England, to establish homes for themselves in the wilderness of Quebec.

They came to districts where there were no schools, no teachers and no school buildings. But they brought with them the educational traditions of the lands from which they came.

Perhaps the most worthwhile of these traditions was the general belief in the value of education. Families were large and parents believed that education would make life easier and happier.

Hence, with no governmental help, neighborhoods built, equipped and financed their own schools. Teachers were sought where they could be found — rarely in the Province, but mostly from the United States.

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HOLIDAY SHOPPING UNDER THE HALTER OF PRICE CONTROL

The Ledger's Spiked !

An old chamois-bound ledger nailed through with six-inch spikes to a solid hardwood block, is an odd sight on Main Street this week. It stands at the entrance to one of Lachute's leading retail stores. A cardboard sign bears the legend : "Our books are closed. Please do not ask for credit".

The 'cash down' policy is an outcome of government restrictions on retail credit, and the premises in question are those of John McFaul & Son, whose window displays are always a bright spot in our shopping section.

Public Shows Quickened Interest in Prices of Commodities

OTTAWA CITY BEER PRICES WERE FIRST TO COME UNDER LEVELLING

Special to The Watchman
By Frederick Griffin

Ottawa, Dec. 10 — Christmas shopping in Canada this year is taking place under the tight halter of price control. Merchants cannot charge as they please for goods. Price tags have been held back by law since December 1 to Fall levels.

Over 300,000 Canadian traders from the big city store to the merchant at the cross-roads — baker, milkman, jeweller and hardware man alike — are now operating under the retail price ceiling set by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board as of the basic period September 15 to October 11.

The costs of such essential services as electricity, gas, plumbing, painting, laundering, cleaning and tailoring are likewise held against a rise. Funerals and movies, hair-do and hot dog, pop, beer and hard liquor are equally anchored down.

Beer gave the Board its first chance to crack down on a price raise. On Saturday, November 29, Ottawa hotel keepers took occasion to boost it a nickel a quart, from 30 to 35 cents, because they had previously been selling at a low price to outsell their rivals across the river in Hull, Quebec.

On Monday, December 1, the day price control went into effect, they had to take that nickel off fast at the Board's order and go back to their price as of the basic period. This illustrates simply how the control works.

Since December 1, Canada has put into effect under the democratic system one of the greatest human experiments in economic control in history. Dictator states have established such controls by gestapo methods. Can Canada make it work by business co-operation and the public will?

Consumer Interest Quickened

Reports received during the early days of the control showed it in full operation. The public saw little change. There was nothing dramatic about the way it went into effect. People bought and sold as usual and there was no one present to say them nay. The only real sign of the change was a quickened interest in the prices charged.

Biggest misunderstanding reported on the part of the public was the belief of many that a one-price ceiling had been set for each and every commodity.

A number of housewives complained to the Board that merchants were charging varying prices for butter, eggs, shirts and other items. They felt that Mr. Jones should not charge more than Mr. Smith up the street; that department store, chain store, and independent should all show one price.

Competition Remains

There is to be no such levelling. The Board made no attempt to hit at trade freedom. Competition remains and the prices of various commodities will vary from store to store as they always did — so long as each store sells within the prices it charged during the basic period.

In Ottawa the Board and its administrators are making adjustments to ease the strain on any particular industry or group. One of the most important problems is that of imports. After a thorough analysis, it announced a system of subsidy payment by the Government in case of certain cost rises on imported goods. The purpose is to maintain the price ceiling policy in respect to imported as well as domestic goods.

This means that the Government —the public—takes its share of the "squeeze" where imported materials or goods figure in a transaction at a fixed retail price.

Man Killed by Rock-Slide in Kilmar Mine

29-YEAR-OLD GRENVILLE MAN IS VICTIM OF FATALITY

ACCIDENTAL DEATH VERDICT GIVEN BY JURY

Fraser Dewar, 29-year-old employee of Canadian Refractories Limited, lost his life in a rock-slide at the 540-foot level of the Kilmar mine where he had been drilling on Sunday evening.

According to fellow workers, Dewar left his drill in the stope of the "pit" where he had been operating, and was conversing with his foreman, Jas. Noble. The latter noticed a piece of rock in the roof of the passage which appeared unsafe. He instructed one of the workers to remove it, but in this scaling operation a big 3,000-lb rock was dislodged. It caught Dewar on the side of the head, then pinned him on the floor where it fell against a projecting boulder.

The mishap occurred at 9 p.m. The fallen rock was pried away and Dewar was soon released. He was given first aid by Wm. Bray, mine superintendent, then placed on a stretcher and brought to the surface, where he received medical attention on arrival of Dr. C. E. Lafrance, of Hawkesbury. He remained in a conscious condition while removed by ambulance to Notre Dame Hospital, Hawkesbury, but succumbed to his injuries at 1 o'clock Monday morning.

Dr. W. F. McMartin of Lachute, in his capacity as district coroner, empanelled a jury and inquest was held at the company premises in Kilmar. The jurors, after hearing the evidence of witnesses, gave their verdict of accidental death.

Constable Howard Jones of Grenville and Lt. L. Forest of Montreal, Provincial Police officers, made investigation.

Fraser Dewar, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Dewar, Grenville, was unmarried. He is survived by his parents and by three sisters in Montreal. The funeral, held Wednesday afternoon from St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Grenville, was largely attended by sympathizing friends and fellow citizens.

FOG OVER COUNTRYSIDE

Glistening ice and dense fog have added to the variety of motoring hazards in this district during the past week or two. Happily no serious accidents have resulted although in numerous instances motorists have stopped over, in Montreal and elsewhere, rather than risk the perils of the road.

The St. Philippe-Grenville stretch of Highway No. 8 was however the scene of a collision last Friday night, and restricted vision was the cause — the fog being particularly "thick." A Hawkesbury taxi returning westward from Brownsburg with a carload of munitions workers, crashed with an automobile driven eastward by Leonard Armstrong, Lachute Road, with three other occupants. Slight cuts and bruises were the only injuries, though both cars were considerably damaged. The Hawkesbury machine was driven by Oscar Guertin.

80 YEARS YOUNG !

In talking recently with Mr. John Fraser, Sr., known by his many friends as "Jack", we were much surprised to hear that he was 80 years of age on December 1. A number of his neighboring friends called in to congratulate him that evening. "Jack" is still very spry, enjoys the best of health, loves to sing a hearty song, and for activeness would leave many of our younger generation far behind. We extend our congratulations also, and trust he will continue to grow younger.

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While these war craft will not be used against Hitler and Company they will bring joy to thousands of youngsters in the province.

The whole 25,000 are the wooden toys the members of Quebec Police and Fire Chiefs Association have made for Christmas distribution to the poor children in hospitals in Montreal and other centres.

Last year 18,000 toys were built and given away. Reason for the extra number this year is so the additional number can be provided for the children of men serving in the fighting forces. They will be distributed at the annual Christmas trees held in the various armories. At the Windsor Hotel, where the annual banquet of the association was held last week, the christening ceremony of the corvettes and destroyers was conducted by Norman Holland, an honorary member of the association, and described in the association's Christmas bulletin as "specialist in seeing that poor children have happy faces at Christmas".

On the head table were the subchasers, two of the trains and two of the "Rickey-Nockey-Oomph-Handcars". Mr. Holland dipped a corvette and a destroyer into a bucket of grey paint, giving them the same color as those real war vessels that are helping to win the war against Hitler.

All the toys have been built in the Real Need of Happiness Toyshops, sponsored by the Quebec Police and Fire Chiefs Association; R. N. O. Harrington, association secretary-treasurer, is founder and the name of the Toyshops is an extension of Mr. Harrington's initials.

AUTOIST FINED FOR HITTING A TRAIN

Newmarket, Ont. — Driving his automobile into the side of a slow moving freight train at Zepher Station, 45 miles from Toronto, on the Canadian National Railways, cost a driver $10 in the Magistrate's Court. The Magistrate commented unfavorably regarding the motorist who drove his car at 25 miles per hour in fog.

FILM REAL FIGHTING

London (CP) — After internal training in Britain soldier cameramen may be sent to the Middle East to make moving pictures of front line fighting.

The Blitz Develops New Methods of Duplicating Valuable Records

Britain Saves Valuable Records from Nazis Fire Bombs

London — Destruction of valuable records by fire, normally a negligible business risk, became a serious menace in Britain during the ordeal by fire from the air. The result has been the stimulation of new methods of the duplication of the records, drawings, accounts and all manner of business data liable to destruction by enemy action.

Three photographic processes are employed, in all of which British photograph technique has taken the lead. By the first of these methods a document or drawing is photographed direct on to a sensitised paper; the second is a new application of the reflex method, the copies being the same size as the originals; while the third, and most important, utilizes the cine size film on which the documents are micro-copied.

The first two methods are rapid and simple, so simple, in fact, that any junior staff member can do the work after a couple of hours instruction on apparatus which can be installed in any office. The micro-copying method requires special apparatus and is usually undertaken by specialist firms.

Apart from the enormous advantage of speed and accuracy, these systems are so economical. The wage bill for a typist copying a 1,500 page document would run to about £20, whereas two juniors recently did the same work by the reflex method in 14 days. A 72-page foolscap report can be copied in 2¼ hours, a 200-page ledger double foolscap in four days.

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STE. THERESE SEEKS COURT JUDGMENT TO ACQUIRE AQUEDUCT

Allege Company Failed to Comply With Utility Commission Order

Alleging that the water supply from the aqueduct at Ste. Therese is not sufficient to meet the needs of the citizens or to provide adequate protection against fire, the municipal authorities instituted proceedings in the Superior Court last week with a view to taking over the waterworks from the City Gas and Electric Corporation, Limited.

A petition was presented asking for judgment ordering the company to give immediate possession of the aqueduct to the town, on the ground that the company had allowed the water supply to become inadequate and defective. It was alleged that the company had failed to obey an order of the Public Service Commission to improve the service. Petitioner offered $15,000 as a fair and reasonable indemnity for the waterworks.

Mr. Justice Forest postponed the hearing until today (Thursday).

5,500 ACRE MUNITIONS PLANT, STE. THERESE TO OPEN THIS WEEK

Canada's largest war munition development, in point of size, the 5,500-acre Bouchard ammunition plant, near Ste. Therese, will be opened this week — writes Stanley Jackson, in the Montreal Gazette.

Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply, has intimated his intention of being present, if engagements permit, to inaugurate formally the huge arsenal.

This development, the site of which was named after the Quebec Minister of Roads and Public Works, Hon. T. D. Bouchard, and whose area of 5,500 acres is 4½ miles square, has been carried out at a cost of $10,000,000.

"Ammunition filling" is what the new plant has been built for, officials state. Already the shells have started to pour from its new buildings, and they will be produced in a steadily increasing flood as the weeks go by.

Work was started on the development early this year, and by July production operations were started in a small way. They have been expanding ever since and, at the end of October, the number of employees had reached a total of 1,752.

Plans call for the employment of 4,000 workers, when full production is under way.

All the buildings have now been completed, so that the official opening of the property has been arranged for December 12. A luncheon and suitable ceremony likely will take place in the new Community Hall.

Hawkesbury — Telesphore Dumoulin, Calumet, Que., paid a fine of $10 and costs at L'Original court when convicted on a charge of careless driving. The charge arose out of an accident here, one Saturday when Dumoulin drove his car into the Canadian National passenger train, at a crossing one half mile south of town. Dumoulin escaped without injury, but the front of his car was badly damaged.

Doom by the Ton

Britain is now building up the history. Already the air assault greatest bombing force ever launched against any nation in all on Germany has reached an average of an estimated four thousand tons of bombs each month, aimed at centers of industry and communications most vital to the Nazi war efforts. Three hundred tons of bombs were dropped on Britain in 1914-1918!

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Eight-Year-Old Hawkesbury Lad Suffers Burns

Hawkesbury, Dec. 4 — Roger Sauvé, eight-year-old son of Mrs. Laura Sauvé, was badly burned about the right leg and thigh on Saturday afternoon when attempting to extinguish a blaze in his mother's apartment. He was taken to hospital for treatment.

The boy was alone in the house at the time and it is believed that he was playing with matches and ignited some papers and rags, the flames finally getting beyond his control. The contents of the apartment were destroyed.



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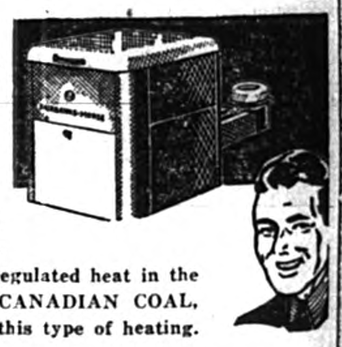
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By JOHN ATKINS, Farmer-Journalist

No. 9. — DOWN TO BRASS TACKS

The time-table of nature does not wait the convenience of men at war. Food production must be planned in time and carried through on time.

Now, at the end of 1941, it is late to formulate a plan big enough and sound enough to provide the vital labor for food production in 1942.

Tens of thousands of farm workers, farm youths and farmers have flocked from the farms to the forces and to the factories in 1941. Far too many farms have been abandoned. Far too many occupied farms are being carried on by elderly people and children. A vast acreage of tillable land is idle or in grass because there is no labor to make it more productive.

Idle land cannot be put into full production in less than two years, and then only with ample capital, labor and equipment. The problem now is to get the utmost production out of the best land by finding labor to utilize all the available equipment.

Where is labor available? A good deal of it could be drawn from the forces. Farm boys and boys from the towns are being trained as mechanics and operators in the mechanized forces. They are learning to repair and use motor-driven and motor-drawn equipment.

The garages and repair shops in towns situated in the best farming areas have entered their slack season. With further gasoline rationing the garages are due for radically reduced business. Their equipment is available for the repair of farm machinery.

When the war broke out Canadian farm equipment was generally in bad repair. Farmers had not been able to keep their machinery in shape or to replace it. Now, the demand for steel and machines, for war purposes, makes it impossible to provide all of the new equipment farmers need. The obvious thing to do is to recondition all the machinery worth repairing. If the machines are repaired in the best districts first, they will be ready for use on good nearby land that will produce the most food per hour of work. The time to begin repairing is now.

The men in the mechanized forces can be given part of their training on tractor motors. They can be taught the principles of mechanics while repairing farm equipment. They can be billeted in homes, often their own. Along with local mechanics who are unfit for service, and handymen from the farms, they can put much of the available farm equipment in condition for spring work.

When the equipment is in shape, the men from the forces can be given training in the operation of power equipment on the farms. They can be given leave as needed at the peaks of farm work, in seeding and harvest, and to do the plowing in the fall.

With the help of men who are physically fit and mechanically skilled, the older farm men, women and children, who are now struggling with work beyond their strength, could care for the stock and poultry, milk cows, do the gardening and keep the farms going.

Such a plan should be added to all other plans for the supply of farm labor. It is not original. It is the product of contacts with many people who are thinking hard about food for 1942—people in the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, in the government services, editors and people on the farms and in the towns. It would require the co-operation of all governments, farm organizations, implement companies, garages and repair shops. It should be worked out and given effect by a board created for the purpose by the Dominion Government.

Rattlesnake Medicine



A naval gun swings aboard a merchant ship at Hoboken, N.J., following the recently passed legislation permitting U.S. ships to be armed and carry cargoes into any war zone.

FIRE STATIONS ARE SANTA'S WORKSHOPS

With Toys from Blitz Wreckage for Boy and Girl Evacuees

(By Mail)

London — Motor lorries will rattle out of London on Christmas Eve with a great freight of 2,000 toys for the children of women on war work who are being cared for at Nursery Centres until the bombs stop falling.

Never have toys had a queerer origin. There are beds, complete with bedding, dolls of all kinds, cots for large-size dolls, see-saws, chutes, fire engines, large model yachts with sails and large pink elephants and rocking horses, model aeroplanes and aerodromes and a complete convoy set of ships.

All of them have been made by the firemen of 29 London stations from the wreckage of the blitz—odd bits of timber and metal, lead piping and guttering. The lead has become soldiers cast from a mould made by a fireman; the American War Relief gave the gay points for them. Old socks, stockings and certain rags have supplied the fabrics used.

And the result in workmanship design and color is as good as the toys the big stores used to show at Christmas time.

Seventy-two Thousand Christmas Puddings

On Five Months' Trek to Germany

(By Mail)

London — As early as August, 72,000 Christmas boxes began their trek from the Red Cross packing centre in London to Britain's 70,000 men in the prison camps of Germany. The extra 2,000 parcels are an assurance that everybody gets one. The first lap was to Lisbon; the next to Marseilles; then on to Geneva; and so to Germany.

In each box was a Christmas pudding, a double ration of chocolate, chocolate biscuits, rye biscuits, jam, margarine, roast pork and stuffing, a tin of steak and tomato, condensed milk, four ounces of sugar, two ounces of tea and a Christmas cake; 7,200,000 cigarettes went off at the same time in separate packages of 100—a double ration for each man. The value of this Christmas gift is £36,000.

Nor has the Red Cross forgotten the little band of eleven British children in German internment camps. Each of them has been sent a special parcel of barley sugar, boiled candies and so on. And to one hospital in Belgium where there are soldiers who have been lying on their backs since Dunkirk, has gone a consignment of jig-saw puzzles.

The Christmas boxes were put together at 17 Red Cross centres in England and Scotland by 2,500 packers, 2,000 of whom did the work for nothing.

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The Impossible Has Happened !

Enemy aircraft over the American continent — that remote vision of "alarmists" and "scaremongers" — is a perilous reality today, following lightning events in the Pacific. No more can the Isolationists of the United States disparage defence efforts and minimize the dangers. Even Lindbergh, the "non plus ultra" of Isolationists, has climbed down from his perch and admitted the onslaught of Japan is no pipe-dream.

With Japanese and Nazi craft hovering over the Pacific coast, Canada is now actually on the defensive. And her peace loving neighbor to the south is hurled into the fray with a greater violence that has reaped its toll in life, property and naval defences.

As with their Axis partners, the Japs won their initial successes dishonorably, through the element of surprise. Their attack was primed while negotiations with the States were still in progress. It becomes obvious, indeed, that these mediations were prolonged in order to screen Japan's hostile preparations.

We may recall however that Britain, too, was taken unawares. But has she not shown herself a virile example of a people rallying under fire? Canada and the United States are now closer to material warfare, through swift developments of the last few days. But swifter and more striking still, is the aroused consciousness which will throw this whole continent heart and soul into the war. There should be no bridle, now, to all-out industry and recruitment of manpower. There should be no anti-imperial murmurs in this country, no anti-British slurs across the border . . . And a continent of such vast resources, thus aroused, should fling a vastly mightier weight in the balance of fighting strength.

Rumours Are Not Self-Starting — Recognize Their Source !

If you want to see the enemy in action right within your gates, examine closely the next malicious rumour aimed to shake your confidence in Canada's war financing. In just about every section of Canada, subversive elements are doing a splendid job for Hitler by a simple expedient: these people spread criticism of the Government's war effort and then slyly plant the thought that War Savings Certificates and War Savings stamps should not be purchased so long as the people's Government is slack in its duty. . . The argument is ridiculous, of course, but war savings workers have been shocked by the number of people who have embraced this illogical idea.

Criticism of the Government by the press of Canada has been wholesome and far-reaching in its effect. Yet it is important to note that the newspapers which have been the bitterest critics of the Canadian Government have been most enthusiastic in support of the Government's war finance program. Traditionally, War Finance has been regarded as a feature of the country's war effort which transcends partisan politics. There has been no departure from this tradition by the press. The situation which confronts the country, then, is a departure from this tradition among groups of citizens who have been influenced certainly by a section of the Nazi propaganda machine. When a high ranking representative of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was approached on this subject he admitted that he believed that Nazi propagandists were trying to damage Canada's war finance effort. In almost the same breath he asked what any authority could do to put a stop to the propagandists when they were clever enough to cloak their sly cracks under legitimate criticism of the Government. After all, free speech had not been banned in this country.

Canadians may still cherish this privilege of free speech, but in doing so they must exercise discrimination. They must discern, for instance, that any rumour to the effect that citizens will not be able to redeem their War Savings Certificates, is false propaganda—criticism of our war financing that has been started and helped along by enemy agents . . . They should realize, moreover, that loyal support of the Government's war finance does not necessarily imply support of the Government as a whole.

Russia has been free to carry on her battle against Germany without the handicap of German fifth columnists in the rear. Russia accomplished this by shooting, arresting and deporting the fifth columnists three years before war broke out . . . Canadians do not go in for shooting of traitors. This country has no Gestapo. But the intolerable situation of today, in which Canadians are being attacked from within by enemy agents bent on crippling the country's war effort, seems to demand that we face the facts right now and squelch destructive rumours.

Learning from Experience

In anticipating the post-war labor surplus, the Hon. T. D. Bouchard, like many of his road-minded colleagues, sees great possibilities for the improvement of Canada's highways. The Good Roads Conference this fall showed the thought to be prominent in the minds of many authorities.

The Quebec Minister of Roads — in a paper presented before this Association, of which he was elected president — gave a straightforward review of errors in the provincial program during the period from 1930 to 1941, which witnessed Canada's most severe unemployment crisis. During those years, in the Province of Quebec alone the sum of $145,000,000 was spent in direct relief and over $80,000,000 for unemployment projects — a grand total of over $225,000,000.

"And what have we to show for all that money?" asked Mr. Bouchard. "A few sections of sidewalks, a few de luxe public works of which the province had no need, and which could have been obtained when required at a better price; a few bridges and a few miles of roads, the cost of which was so fabulous that we dare not mention it. Practically nothing is left of the $225,000,000 distributed to the unemployed in the last twelve years. It is not the fault of the unemployed, for the great majority of them asked nothing better than to earn their living honestly and honorably. It is perhaps not the fault of the authorities for, taken unawares, and involved in error after error with the passing years, they came to believe sincerely that unemployment had become a permanent institution.

"With that $225,000,000 expended to help the unemployed, and very often spent for their maintenance in a demoralizing idleness, almost all the roads of the province could have been constructed! We admit, it was not possible to allot to the Roads Department all the monies spent in unemployment relief. Nevertheless, with part of that amount, thousands of miles of roads could have been improved and permanent pavings could have been made over all heavily travelled arteries.

"We estimate that within five years we shall have to build 3,000 miles of permanent roads, for which an outlay of $30,000,000 would be sufficient. That is very far from the $225,000,000 wasted since 1930 . . . Should the need ever arise again to spend such sums to give work to the unemployed, nothing would prevent us from making cement concrete pavements on all our principal highways", concluded Quebec's Minister of Roads.

From the Mouths of Babes

An American columnist recently observed his small daughter very busy at the typewriter. When she came to him later to display her work he had only to re-read it once to discover that she had contributed a paragraph worthy of publication.

This is what her typing effort produced : "Now is the time for all good men to come to".

—Simcoe Reformer

FROM ONE-ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE . . .

(Continued from page 1)

These types of schools might rightly be called **neighborhood** schools. Looking back, it would be found that, built by the neighborhood folk on land donated by one of them, they were usually of logs, though sometimes of stone. They were furnished with rude benches, perhaps a teacher's desk, but no blackboards. Other materials to aid in teaching were absolutely lacking.

In 1829, a law was passed giving certain financial aid to schools in operation and to those who wished to organize new schools. The outstanding value of this help was that it encouraged the founding of a number of academies where a high school education could be obtained. This law expired in 1835. Due to the unsettled condition of the Canadas, nothing more was done until the Act of 1841.

Although this Act had many faults and was repealed in 1846, when a new Act was passed, it marks a considerable advance over educational conditions existing previously.

First, it indicates the direct intervention of the state in the education of its citizens. Secondly, by dividing the province into municipalities, it made it possible for one school board to control a number of schools scattered over a fairly wide area. The system of neighborhood schools each financed and managed by its patrons passed out of existence.

The principle of equal rights of taxation upon property within the same municipality was introduced. So doubtful were the legislators, however, of the effect on some of the people of their plunge into direct taxation for school purposes, that a provision was made whereby if a man objected to being taxed, he could offer, as a gift, an amount equal to what his taxes would have been.

Qualified teachers were hard to obtain although the establishment of Academies in various parts of the Province helped to raise the educational standard of the teacher.

The next most conspicuous advance was the establishment by the government of the McGill Normal School in 1857. Here those who wished, and could afford it, were able to receive their training as teachers. But for a long time one could obtain a diploma to teach by appearing before any one of the local boards of examiners to pass such tests as were prescribed. Finally, this method was abolished and all who wished to qualify for teaching were obliged to attend the McGill Normal School which, in 1907, became the School for Teachers at Macdonald College.

In the early days, there was no prescribed course of study. A teacher was engaged who taught whatever he thought suitable. It was only in the eighteen eighties that a course of study was published as a guide to elementary teachers.

The next conspicuous advance was the introduction of the movement towards consolidation begun in 1905.

It is interesting to note that, just as in 1841 a group of schools, each managed by its patrons, came under the control of school boards, so now numbers of these same schools were consolidated into one school. Each of these movements was an advance over what preceded it. It was only through this progress that it was possible to give to children an education approaching — even though distantly — what the times demanded.

In 1841 schools generally were poorly built, badly lighted, inadequately furnished, improperly heated, and with no suitable sanitary arrangement. Today, in general, all these things have been improved.

In 1841 there was no course of study and most teachers were without professional training. Today, curriculum is a matter of continuous study by educational experts and all teachers must be trained.

In 1841, the vast majority of pupils received their complete education in a one-room elementary school. Today, many of these schools have been obliterated and their places taken by larger consolidated schools where the school life of the pupil has been considerably extended. Briefly, we have passed from the isolated neighborhood one-room school through the municipally controlled groups of schools to the municipally controlled consolidated school.

And now what next? Are all our children receiving the best possible education to equip them to be of the greatest service to themselves and their community? Can we improve? Surely the answer is Yes! We cannot stand still. Therefore, we must go forward. If we move forward, in what direction shall we go? The answer will be found in a continuation of the principle which has guided our progress since the beginning of the 19th century.

War -- Twenty-five Years Ago

By H. H. GORDON, Canadian Press Staff Writer

ALLIES REJECTED PEACE MOVES MADE BY WORRIED GERMAN GOVERNMENT IN DECEMBER, 1916

Growing strength of Britain and her Allies was a prime factor in German's bid for peace 25 years ago. Although German military power was at its height, the government was apprehensive regarding the future and Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg seized the opportunity to propose the opening of peace discussions.

At a special meeting of the Reichstag on Dec. 12, 1916, the German chancellor announced that notes had been sent to the belligerent powers. At the time Germany was celebrating the success of its armies in Rumania and the fall of Bucharest.

On the Eastern Front, as well as in the Balkans, German and Austrian armies had fought with increasing strength, but the tide was turning against them in France, where the Somme offensive had nipped off a portion of the great wedge that had been forced in the drive on Paris. Further south the French had smashed the Crown Prince's offensive at Verdun.

First sign of Germany's peace feelers were seen in the establishment of an independent Poland with a hereditary monarchy and a constitution. By this move, made in November, 1916, Germany hoped to obtain Polish recruits, but more particularly to embarrass Russia where the political situation was causing the government worry. The strategy failed because the Poles were not impressed, while it temporarily stiffened resistance in Russia even among those elements inclined to be sympathetic to Germany.

For Sake of Humanity

The German government sought to convey the impression to its own people that victory was in its grasp and that it was willing to forego any idea of revenge. To the outside world, especially the United States and other neutral countries, the government tried to give the impression that it was seeking an end of the war in the interests of humanity.

But Germany's emphasis in the peace notes on her own position and the territorial gains made in the conflict up to that time, together with the claim that the war had been forced on her by her enemies, was not convincing. Moreover, no terms which Germany would be willing to accept, were specified in the arrogant notes.

The formal answer was signed by Great Britain, France, Russia, Japan, Italy, Serbia, Belgium, Montenegro, Portugal and Rumania. In it the Allies declared there could be no peace until Germany offered reparation, restitution and guarantees for the future.

Flying Through Hostile Skies Canadian Editors Reach England

This is the third of a series articles about conditions in Great Britain and other countries visited during six weeks in Europe and over the Atlantic. Written specially for the weekly newspapers of Canada by their own representative on the tour, Hugh Templin of the Fergus News Record.

The first close contacts with war came at Bermuda. Because of bad weather at the Azores, the Dixie Clipper turned back during the night and the first six Canadian editors spent over a day on that Island. Not only are there two naval bases on the islands, one British and the other American, but the big American PBY flying boats (Catalinas, the British call them), took off regularly every two hours or so to patrol the nearby ocean. It was obvious that the U.S. Navy was definitely in the war even then. During my stay in Bermuda, I had a chance to see several ships of that navy.

The first hint of personal danger came when we returned to the customs office on one of Bermuda's little islands. The word went out that our luggage was to be searched, because there was a danger that someone in Bermuda might have secreted a bomb among our clothing and if one of them exploded while the Clipper was in the air, it would just be too bad. One of my bags had been broken open during the time I was in Bermuda, so I insisted on a thorough search of its contents. There was no bomb, and nothing seemed to be missing.

A First Grim Example of War

The first grim example of a world at war came the morning after the Clipper had left Bermuda. I wakened and stretched in my comfortable berth, and then looked out the little window. Eight thousand feet below, there was a great patch of oil upon the water, with long streaks out towards the west. Nearby, two little lifeboats floated on the great expanse of ocean. From that height they appeared to be empty, but perhaps I was mistaken.

I wondered what to do. No doubt the crew watching all the time had seen the same thing I discovered. What would they do about it? Anxiously, I watched the shadow of the motor on the wing to see if we would circle and offer aid, though just what the Clipper crew could do seemed uncertain. Later, I learned that the radio operator had sent word to an American destroyer, which was already on its way to give help, after receiving an S.O.S. call. I never knew the name or nationality of the steamer, or the fate of the crew.

In Touch With the Enemy

At Lisbon, we came in closer touch with the enemy. Portugal is neutral. It may be that the warring nations find it to their advantage to keep the country that way. Lisbon is full of spies of all nationalities, refugees, people who once had money and now have none, gangsters who would make money out of the war. To that port only, in all Europe, American ships and planes have been allowed to go. The feeling of tension and intrigue soon becomes apparent to every visitor. There is a saying that "Germany doesn't even need to invade Portugal: Hitler can take the country by telephone any time he likes". That is partly German propaganda, but it doesn't make a stay in Portugal any more pleasant. Those who go to Lisbon now are not on holidays.

Our stay in Lisbon while on the way to England was brief. It was midnight when our group cleared the Portugese Customs. Out in a tiny courtyard, taxi drivers pushed and jostled and shouted in a strange language. The British Embassy people got us placed in a big car, supplied us with Portugese escudos and sent us away to the Estoril Palacia.

That 15 mile drive to the seaside resort of Estoril was the most exciting of my life. It was, perhaps, a taste of things to come. Most Lisbon streets are narrow but two cars can pass with care. But there is an added complication when there is also a street car running down the centre. In places an automobile could not pass a street car. That did not seem to worry the driver. He would go at 60 or 70 miles an hour until he saw a street car coming; then he would jam on his brakes and turn into the nearest side street. Once he barely made the turn, running up on the sidewalk. After the street car had passed, he backed out again and continued on his way to the hotel. It is said that Lisbon taxi drivers have just one accident — their last.

The porter at the hotel collected our precious passports and assigned room numbers, while sleepy waiters served our first European meal, which was excellent. B. K. Sandwell and I went up to our rooms in the elevator with a German and an Italian.

An International Airport

I was away again, long before daylight to Cintra airport. The Portugese farmers must have spent hundreds of years building stone walls along the roads, and it was a foggy morning but this time the taxi driver was cautious and crawled along over the greasy pavements.

In a Europe at war, Cintra airport is surely a unique place. Out on the field stood three planes, one Dutch, one Portugese and one Spanish. The Spanish one looked as if it would not lift off the ground; the Dutch plane was heavily camouflaged.

Inside the ticket offices of the British Overseas Airways and the K.L.M. (which is the Royal Dutch Airlines) are on one side of the hallway, and the Lufthansa (German) and the Italian Lines on the other. The passengers all go out to the field through the same doorway and are weighed on the same scales, in kilograms. A young Portugese served us tea and cakes. He spoke English. He lived three years in New York and went to school there, but he had a grievance against his teacher. She did not know that Portugal was a separate nation. She insisted he was a Spaniard. No wonder it rankled.

A deep ditch separated the air field from a sheep pasture. On one side were the planes, backed by a group of ultra-modern buildings. On the other side was an old shepherd with a staff and long flowing robes. As he walked, he called to his sheep and they followed him. He might have stepped right out of the Old Testament. Behind him, the mountains of Portugal were tipped with sunrise pink.

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"Frankly, this new tax bill has me worried!"

Auto Wreck Sold For Queen's Fund

One of the season's American visitors who motored across the border on vacation returned home afterwards without his car. He smashed it in an accident in New Brunswick, stepped out of it unhurt, and asked the local excise collector to dispose of what was left and give the proceeds to the Queen's Canadian Fund.

The motorist, W L. Frothingham, of Lynn, Mass., went on his way, the excise collector was as good as his word, and when Mr. Frothingham was through with it the car proved to be worth $22 to a local buyer. The sum went forward promptly to the Saint John Times-Globe, collecting agency for the fund in Saint John and goes down as one more contribution to swell the Queen's Fund national total and bring aid to British war sufferers.

NORWAY GUARDS NAZI HOSTAGES

London, Dec. 8 (CP) — Special Norwegian security guards, forcibly enrolled by the Germans to protect railway lines near Oslo from sabotage, are to be treated as hostages, says the Norwegian Telegraph Agency. Each guard has to sign a declaration saying he is responsible with his life for keeping watch on the section to which he is posted.

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DISTRICT NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

BROWNSBURG

Mrs. Wyman McGibbon spent a few days in Montreal recently.

Mr. Kenneth McHardy attended the funeral of the late Fraser Dewar, which was held in the Grenville Anglican Church on Tuesday.

Mrs. H. Graham and son, Donald, left for Montreal on Tuesday where Donald will undergo an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. Graham will remain in the city for a few days.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church are holding their annual sale of fancy work, home-cooking, etc., on Friday, December 12; for further particulars, see "Coming Events".

The Senior Circle of Maple Avenue Church held their meeting at Mrs. Robert Tomalty's on Tuesday; the topic was given by Mrs. P. MacQuaig. The Junior Circle held their meeting at Mrs. F. Barker's on Wednesday evening: the topic, "Work among the new Canadians", was given by Miss E. Brown. Three quilts were on display which had been quilted by the young women; orders were given for three more. This is a very energetic group; their meetings are bright and interesting. New members will be made welcome.

Marriage

The marriage of George Wesley Wilson, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Wilson, to Miss Simone Proulx, youngest daughter of A. Proulx and the late Mrs. Proulx, of Hawkesbury, took place in Brownsburg, on Saturday, December 6.

GRENVILLE

Mrs. Gordon Allard and daughters, Anne and Sandra, of Sandy Cove, N.S., recently spent a week at the home of her mother-in-law Mrs. Harry Bates . . . While in Grenville, Mrs. Allard also visited Mrs. Clifford Bennett at Calumet and Mrs. Richard Bertrand at Grece's Point.

CUSHING WEST

Mr. M. Reader of the United Theological College, Montreal, occupied the pulpits of St. Mungo's, Grenville and Calumet on Sunday and spent the week-end as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. O'Brien.

Rev. W. A. Dempsey spent Sunday in Bristol, Que.

Mrs. F. Gaston is at present visiting her brother, Mr. Jas Hammond, Centreville.

MORIN HEIGHTS

Mrs. W. Rowland and son Jimmy spent a week-end in Montreal recently.

Mrs. Ronald Boyd, of Montreal spent last week-end here.

Preparations are under way for the annual Christmas tree, which will be held in the Davis Hall on Monday evening, December 22.

Mr. Kenneth Hall was in Rawdon over the week-end.

Ladies' Guild Meeting

The December meeting of the Guild of Trinity Church was held on Thursday last at the home of Mrs. A. Kennedy.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows : president, Mrs. H. Gillingham; vice-president Mrs. Robert Goodfellow, secretary Mrs. Wm. Bell, (the latter being re-elected).

ST. ANDREWS EAST

Nurse Clementine Crevier, who is caring for a cousin at Beaconsfield, Que., is expected home for New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Steeves were at their cottage on Sunday.

Mr. W. J. Pitcairn is still a patient in hospital.

Mr. G. Phillips spent the week-end at his summer home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lanctôt were at their residence here over the week-end.

The president and members of the Women's Guild of the United Church are grateful to all who by their time or talents promoted the success of the tea and sale, held December 4 in the recreation room of the United Church.

Keep in mind the salad tea and sale being held on Saturday afternoon, December 13, by the Women's Auxiliary of Christ Church (Anglican), at the home of Mrs. R. W. Burry. Here is a chance to get that almost forgotten gift!

The annual meeting of the W. M. S. of the United Church was held on Tuesday afternoon, December 9, at the home of Miss Mary Pitcairn. There were three changes in officers. Miss Mary B. Lamb was elected president, Miss Janet Wallace treasurer, and Mrs. J. Esdon literature secretary.

A number of school pupils are busy preparing a playlet under the direction of Miss Lamb. It will be given at the Christmas festival of the combined Sunday Schools, on December 19.

MORIN HEIGHTS

Miss Gertrude Kelley, of Verdun, was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. Kennedy.

Mr. Lorne Brown, of Sherbrooke, visited friends here during the week-end.

Mrs. E. Workman, also her sister, Mrs. Patterson, are spending this week at their new home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Seale and daughter, also Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Seale, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Murdoch at Mabel.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Seale, also Mrs. L. Kennedy, spent a couple of days in Montreal last week.

Women's Association

The Women's Association held their meeting, in the form of a social evening last Tuesday in the United Church basement. The program was in charge of Mrs. J. D. Davis and Mrs. Willis Seale. After an enjoyable session, refreshments were served, and the bazaar articles were disposed of.

CALUMET

Mr. Ronald Brigden spent the week-end visiting friends and relatives in Montreal.

Mr. Jack Wilkins, of Montreal, was a week-end guest of his grandfather, Mr. F. Lanigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Harris have taken up residence in Brownsburg, where Mr. Harris is now employed. Miss Mary MacIntyre spent last week with them at their new home.

Messrs Percy Robinson, R. Hoare and M. R. Robinson spent last week at the latter's cottage on Slavery Lake.

Miss Anne Foreman and Miss Elsie Brigden were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Druce in Hawkesbury.

Mrs. L. Jorgensen, and Mrs. R. C. Whinfield and little Miss Rosemary Whinfield, spent a few days in Montreal last week.

Mr. Albert Brigden and daughter, Miss Cecile Brigden, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Kenny in Kilmar.

Miss Alice Demers spent the week-end with her parents in Montreal.

A bean supper was held in aid of the United Church on Saturday evening in Reeve's Hall.

The Masons held their annual "ladies night" on Friday evening in the recreation room of the Consolidated School. The Master of the lodge, Mr. R. C. Whinfield, ably assisted by his brother Masons, saw to it that the lady guests spent an enjoyable evening.

IN MEMORIAM

LEES — In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, Mrs. James Lees, who passed away December 14, 1939. — Ever remembered by her husband and family.

WHITE — In loving memory of a dear son, husband and father, William Henry White, who passed away December 14, 1930.
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Not just today, but every day,
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CLAUSEN — In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Carl Julius, who passed away December 12, 1940. — Ever remembered by his wife, Anna, Carl, and Carl, Jr.

In memory a daily thought,
In heart a silent sorrow.

McFAUL — In loving memory of Margaret Ann Hutchin, beloved wife of G. I. McFaul, who passed away December 16, 1929 — Ever remembered by her husband and daughters, Ruby and Elva.

Nothing can ever take away
The love a heart holds dear,
Fond memories linger every day,
Remembrance keeps her near.

Striking Example of American Aid to British Middle-Eastern Army



This photograph shows one of the new American tanks which are arriving in large numbers for Britain's armies in the Middle East. Sent straight from factories in the U.S.A., they provide effective evidence of America's "Aid to Britain" policy. The guns of the tank seen above are being tested on a special range in the Middle East.

WAR EVENTS TAKE STARTLING TURN, JAPAN ATTACKS U.S.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK; WAR COMMENTARY BY CANADIAN PRESS

Reports of Japanese activities at various points in the Far East, many of them unverified, flooded news service wires Monday and Tuesday. Major land and sea thrusts appeared to be under way in Northern Malaya, Hong Kong and Thailand, while Japanese reconnaissance planes were reported over the islands of the Pacific and even over the western seaboard of the United States.

Canada and the United States took precautionary measures as Japanese scouting planes were reported over the San Francisco Bay area and off the Aleutian Islands early Tuesday morning. Blackouts were ordered along the entire Pacific coast. In the east, air raid warnings Tuesday afternoon resulted in New Yorkers and citizens of other cities on the Atlantic coast being given a taste of wartime defence measures.

British troops are engaged in repelling attempts to land troops in Northern Malaya; 25 Japanese troopships were said on Tuesday to be participating in the attempted invasion. Hong Kong, where Canadian troops form part of the garrison, was reported undergoing assaults from land and air . . A few landings were accomplished. The Kota Bharu airdrome was lost to the Jap attackers.

While Tokyo boasted of successes at many points, official Washington maintained silence. It is known, however, that a very serious view of the bombing of Pearl Harbor is taken by government circles and air and naval department headquarters.

Developments in the Pacific overshadow those in other theatres of war where the situation improved from the Allied standpoint. Announcement was made in Berlin that weather conditions militated against German attempts to take Moscow and attacks on the capital would be given up until spring. But the Red Army reported further gains in the Tula area, south of Moscow, and in the Donets Basin German forces were said to be continuing to retreat around Taganrog.

British armored columns continue to drive Axis forces westward and the second phase of the battle of tanks started last week is drawing to a close. Enemy forces Dec. 9 were reported west of a line extending south to Tobruk through El Adem and Bir El Gobi.

British naval strength in the Far East has been dealt a severe blow by the sinking of the 35,000-ton battleship Prince of Wales and the 32,000-ton battle-cruiser Repulse. The Admiralty announced the capital ships had been sunk in an engagement with the Japanese off Malaya.

Japanese sources in Tokyo claimed the big warships were victims of aerial attack. Broadcasting from Singapore, Alfred Duff Cooper, British War Cabinet representative in the Far East, said there had been considerable loss of life on the Prince of Wales and the Repulse.

Twenty-three Canadians are missing and presumed lost as a result of the sinking of the Canadian corvette Windflower. Navy Minister Macdonald announced Wednesday that the corvette went to the bottom in a collision while on convoy duty. He said there were some survivors but their number was not known.

Declaration of war by Germany and Italy on the United States was made known today, and an early sitting of Congress is expected to take up the challenge with official proclamation.

PUPILS HEAR ABOUT PASTEURIZATION, INSPECT DAIRY

BROWNSBURG PRINCIPAL ARRANGES VISIT TO LOCAL PLANT

Brownsburg—Pupils in Grades 8, 9, 10 of the Consolidated School, accompanied by their principal, Denis Staniforth, and two members of the teaching staff, spent an interesting morning on Tuesday, when they visited the local dairy of Adrien Lacasse. The purpose of the visit was to see at first hand the equipment for the pasteurization of milk and how this process was carried on. L. M. Armstrong, Sanitary Inspector, was called in and explained in detail the purpose of each piece of equipment, and illustrated by the results of bacteriological examinations how the milk was made perfectly safe for consumption.

The intense interest shown by the visitors, who numbered about 50, was most evident and Mr. Staniforth and his staff are to be commended for their initiative. Not only was the visit highly instructive but it also served as an excellent lesson in a very important phase of public health.

LAND-PLANNING FOR AFTER-WAR

Agriculture and Industry Talk Over Plans for Years to Come

London, Dec. 8 (CP) — A committee to study the best use of Britain's land after the war, coupled with economic location of industry, has been formed by Lord Reith, minister of works and buildings.

The committee will consider building and other development and endeavor to prevent destruction of natural amenities. It will investigate dispersal of industry and the economic suitability of industries for location in small towns and country districts.

Lord Justice Scott, chairman of two agricultural committees during and after the last war, is chairman and members include Lord Addison, a former minister of agriculture, and Lady Denman, chairman of the Women's Land Army.

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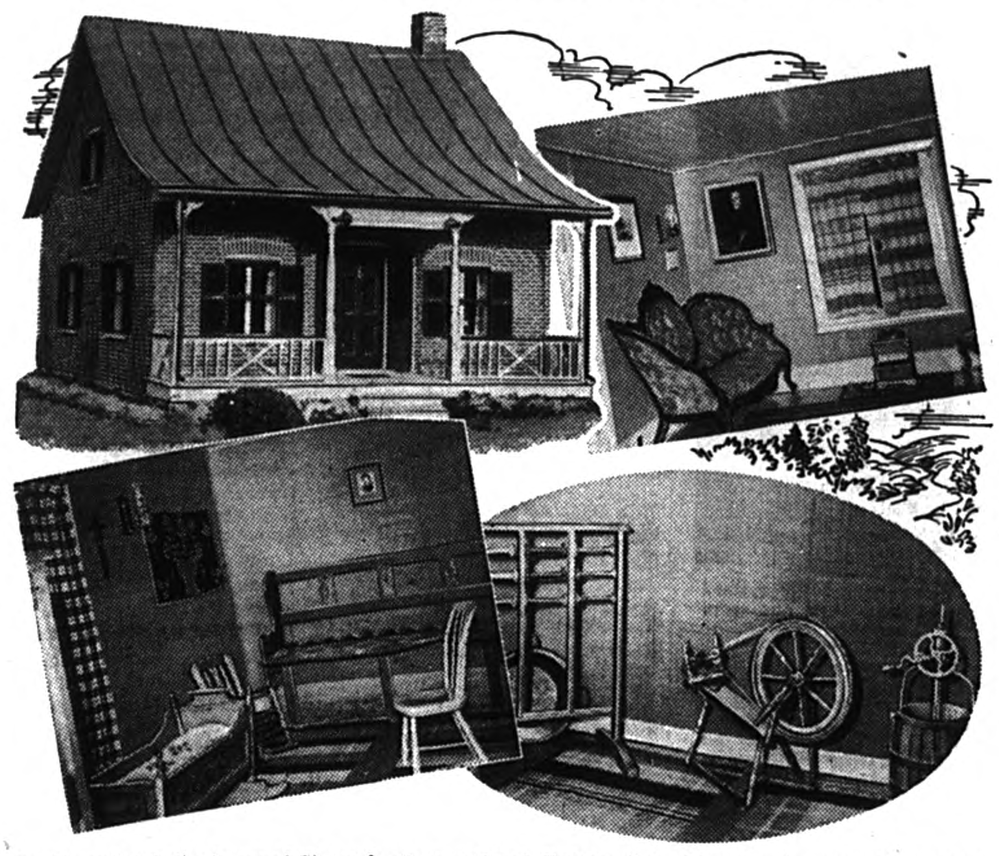
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Laurier Home Becomes National Historic Site



Inside and out, the home of Sir Wilfrid Laurier at St. Lin, Que., has been restored as closely as possible to the condition in which it stood on the day 100 years ago when the great Canadian statesman was born within its humble walls. Decorated and furnished in the best possible taste with authentic furniture and materials belonging to the period and typical of French Canadian handicraft, the house is a memorial to French Canada of a century ago as well as to its great leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Dedicated as a National Historic Shrine in the presence of Prime Minister Mackenzie King and other national figures, the Laurier house contains many treasures of French-Canadian art and handicraft. Old furniture of the period was taken there from several parts of the province; textiles from Isle-aux-Coudres, Charlevoix County; other articles, made about the time Sir Wilfrid was born, from the Isle of Orleans. The interior walls, covered with hand-made linen woven in Quebec, make an admirable background for the furnishings and pictures. Among the many typical items are a grandfather clock with wooden movement, cast iron stove with two decks, large loom for weaving, two spool beds, a "table bascule" with reversible top and brightly colored handmade rugs and representative paintings by Arthur Lismer. The exterior of the house has been renovated and the building has been moved back into the centre of the property which has been levelled and beautified. A large boulder bearing a bronze tablet serves as a monument to Sir Wilfrid.

These pictures of the Laurier home at St. Lin, which is less than 37 miles from Montreal by Canadian Pacific Railway, show: The front of the house, top left; 19th century sofa in living room, top right; old furniture in ground-floor bedroom, lower left, and, lower right, old-time butter churn, spinning wheel and spool holder.

WASTE COLLECTION TO BE UNDERTAKEN SYSTEMATICALLY

LADIES' GROUPS, BOYS' AND GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST AUTHORITIES

SAVE YOUR BONES, FATS, BOTTLES AND RAGS

With the beginning of the new year, salvage will be collected regularly in Lachute, on the first Friday and Saturday of each month—commencing January 2, 1942. Will everyone please start and save now. Save all which you know is needed by our country — bones, fats, metals, bottles, glass, rubber, etc.

The C.G.I.T. girls of our town presented 20 lbs. of foil and lead tubes to the Red Cross this week. The girls are accepting as a project for the next year the collecting of foil and tubes and metal coat-hangers. The Sister Superior is organizing a group of girls from each convent, to do similar work among our French residents. Clean your foil, as it gathers and save it for the girls. Ladies will call on all housewives and places of business before the collection, with a list of articles to be saved and how to prepare them.

The Boy Scouts will help the collectors, after school on Friday and on Saturday, and will help in any way they can.

The money from the sale of all salvage will go to war services.

IS YOUR GUEST FOR CHRISTMAS MAN ON LEAVE?

Make Your Sailor, Soldier or Airman Feel at Home — Here are Hints from Two Sources

By ADELAIDE KERR
Press Staff Writer

So you're going to have a sailor, a soldier or airman, or perhaps a couple of them, for Christmas or New Year's.

So are thousands of other people.

Many thousands of Canadian servicemen will be on leave for the Christmas or New Year's holidays and lots of them away from home. (The Y.M.C.A. or other agency will help you get your guest if you want one and don't know how to go about it).

"Suppose you're going to have as your house guest your cousin's son whom you haven't seen before; how would you entertain him? I asked a veteran sergeant at one headquarters.

"Make him one of the family," he said. "Don't make too much company of him or show him off. You'll only make him selfconscious. Take him Christmas shopping with you to get him into the spirit. Let him trim the tree and decorate the house. And let him show the children how to run their trains.

Don't plan his program too closely. Give him a couple of hours a day to himself, so he can read or take a walk. And give him a chance to go to church.

You ought to have a Christmas present for him on the tree but it shouldn't be too expensive. You could give him a pipe, cigarettes, handkerchiefs, a shaving kit, a toilet kit or a good knife. But don't give him a wallet; he might not have anything to put in it."

Chances to Relax

Then I asked one of the servicemen what would make him happy as a guest.

"A chance to relax," he said. "Soldiers like to relax from discipline. Get up at noon and go to bed about four. We don't like to have too much planned and we don't want to be doted over. A few parties, dinners or dances are enough on a leave or furlough. They don't have to be big parties either.

"Most Canadian boys are athletic. They get a big kick out of games — hockey and bowling and things like that. You'd make a big hit with a soldier taking him to see a few fast games. And, of course, the movies, the theatre and some not-too-heavy books.

"If a man is visiting you for several days and doesn't know anybody else in the town, he would like to meet some boys and girls of his own age. But if his girl lives there, he wants plenty of time to see her.

Speaking of Food

Don't talk to a fellow about war. Don't ask how long he'll be in, or when he thinks he's going to fight or 'How's the food?'

"And speaking of food, you can do a lot to make a serviceman happy with some good home-cooked food, especially after he has been out on manoeuvres eating out of a mess kit. Broilers, chops and steaks are always welcome, because we don't get many of them — and cakes and cookies and pies and hotbreads.

"And it always makes me feel good to know there is a ham in the ice box where I can go and get a snack any time."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Eleanor Monette spent last week-end visiting her sister, in Ottawa.

Mrs. John Hope and her infant daughter, of Timmins, are visiting with Mrs. John Hope, Sr.

Miss Grace McMahon, of Thurso, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos McMahon.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCoy and daughter, of Montreal, were guests of his mother, Mrs. E. H. McCoy, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Helmer visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Helmer, in Rosemount last week-end.

Miss Martha Cunningham, of Shawinigan Falls, was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Langille.

Mrs. J. N. Gillies, of New Carlisle, Que., spent a few days last week visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Dobbie.

Miss J. Valpy spent the week-end and holiday with her sister, in Ottawa.

Miss Maud Dobbie, of Montreal, is spending this week at her home in town.

Miss Winnie Wright, of Outremont, was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Giles.

Leading Stoker Graham Bray, of the Royal Canadian Navy, stationed at Sorel, and Mrs. Bray, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman McRae.

Mrs. E. H. Bishop and daughters, Lois and Betty, of Ste. Anne de Bellevue, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Garrow, of Lancaster, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert MacDonald.

Miss Doris Kettyle, graduate nurse of the Homoeopathic Hospital, Montreal, has successfully passed the examinations for certificate of Registered Nurse in the Province of Quebec.

LAC. Stanley Langille, of the R.C.A.F., left on Wednesday for Trenton, Ont., after spending a few days' leave with his parents.

Mr. P. Dobbie, who was brought home from the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, on Saturday, following treatment for injuries suffered in a fall, is now reported much improved.

LAC. Norman Anderson, of the R.C.A.F., stationed at Mountain View, Ont., spent last week-end with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Y. Deacon.

ONE-MAN JACK POT

London (CP) — Operator of a pin-ball machine witnesses said had been weighted so that it was impossible to win the jack-pot was sentenced to four months on pleading guilty to using premises for unlawful gaming.

Sick Soldiers Embroider Their Way to Health

London—Doctors in England are today prescribing embroidery for soldiers with nervous trouble.

Knitting, explains Lady Smith-Dorrien, head of the Royal School of Needlework, is not enough to take the mind off worry.

Many women have written to her complaining that they have knitted and knitted until they can knit no longer, and asking her for the best work to take up the entire attention.

To all of them Lady Smith-Dorrien recommends fine embroidery, intricate and difficult work which wholly occupies the mind.

The same principle is now being applied to the new methods in Britain's wartime hospitals. Mere amusement is not enough; the patient must be given an occupation that is difficult. Thus the needle, so long employed for putting something into him, is now being used, and with excellent results, in getting his worries out.

The Queen is so interested in the departure that when she found a soldier embroidering his regimental badge in a Red Cross hospital, she asked for a sample of his work.

It is important that everyone realize an all-out-effort is all that is going to do the job."

—Lord Halifax

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Sunday Services

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Sunday, December 14,
11 a.m., Communion Service
(Visitors are cordially invited)
Subject :
"The Grace of Humility".

7 p.m., Evening Worship.
"The Light of the World".

LACHUTE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. W. B. Rosborough, B.A., B.D.

10 a.m., Sabbath School.
11 a.m., Morning Worship.
"Emmanuel — God With Us".
7 p.m., Pre-Christmas Service.
At this service a Candle Lighting Ceremony will be put on by the C.G.I.T. Groups.
11 a.m., East Settlement.
3 p.m., Thomas' Gore
A Christmas Concert will take place on Thursday, December 18, at 7.30 p.m., under the auspices of the Sabbath School and Mission Bands.

LACHUTE BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, H. Charlton

Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Tuesday 8 p.m., Prayer Meeting.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, BROWNSBURG
Rev. J. R. Simpson, B.A., B.Th.

10 a. m., Sunday School.
7.30 p.m., "The Message of Jesus".

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Rev. S. J. Pike, Minister

10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Services

REGULAR BAPTIST
Rev. C. Hardie

11 a.m., Brownsburg.
2.30 p.m., Dalesville.
Mr. W. R. MacKenzie, of Buckingham will speak at both services.
Christmas tree program at Dalesville on Friday December 19, 8 p.m.; and at Brownsburg on Tuesday, December 23, 8 p.m.
All Welcome !

AMONG THE CHURCHES

Christmas Services at Morin Hts., Mille Isles

Morin Heights — The choir of Trinity Anglican Church is practising weekly for the Christmas carol service to be held on December 21 at 7.30 p.m. At the same service Mr. H. G. Baugh will give an address on "The Christmas Message."

The morning service at 10 o'clock on that date will be conducted by the Rev C. Royle, of Arundel.

The regular Christmas service at Mille Isles will be held on December 21 at 3.30 p.m., and a communion service will be held on Christmas Day, the Rev. C.W.P. Baugh officiating.

Christian Science Sunday Services

"God the Preserver of Man" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon to be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 14.

The Golden Text is from Psalms 40:11. "Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord. Let thy loving kindness and thy truth continually preserve me".

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear:" (I John 4:18).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Every trial of our faith in God makes us stronger. The more difficult seems the material condition to be overcome by Spirit, the stronger should be our faith and the purer our love. The Apostle John says: "There is no fear in Love, but perfect Love casteth out fear . . . He that feareth is not made perfect in Love". Here is a definite and inspired proclamation of Christian Science (Pg. 410).

LAKEFIELD SERVICES
Rev. C. W. Baugh, Rector

Dunany 11 a.m., Communion.
Louisa, 2.30 p.m.
Lakefield, 7 p.m.

MORIN HEIGHTS
H. G. Baugh, Preacher

Mille Isles, 3.30 p.m.
Morin Heights, 7.30 p.m.
Sunday School, 2.30 p.m.

Presbyterian Y.P.S.

Holding their meeting on Tuesday evening, the Presbyterian Young People's Society enjoyed a social session with a fair attendance. Having no business of importance the meeting was quickly adjourned, to be followed by games, carpet bowling and singing, closing with refreshments.

The meeting of December 17 will wind up activities for 1941; the 1942 program will resume January 7. All members should make special efforts to attend the closing assembly, as Christmas will no doubt be in evidence, both in program and in spirit.

United C.G.I.T. Group

The regular weekly meeting of the C.G.I.T. was held in the United Church hall on Monday. The meeting opened with a recital of the C.G.I.T. Purpose.

It was moved by Elsie Earle, seconded by Eileen Holt, that the group collect tin-foil every month after New Year's to be handed over to the Women's Institute for salvage.

Betty Morrison then made the presentation of a silver bracelet to Joan Stewart on behalf of the girls. Joan, who has been a member of the C.G.I.T. since she came to Lachute, is leaving for Kingston shortly.

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FLYING THROUGH HOSTILE SKIES CANADIAN EDITORS REACH ENGLAND

(Continued from Page 3)

Flying Over Portugal

I was glad when the plane rose from the bumpy runway of the Cintra airport and left the soil of Portugal behind. Somehow the air seemed more free and more safe, though really it was a dangerous trip that lay ahead. The Dutch crew looked like mere boys, but they said they would reach England at three o'clock that afternoon and they brought us down at one minute to three. There is no waiting for perfect weather on that trip; the planes run on a time schedule.

Grattan O'Leary and I sat in the front seat of the Douglas. The Ottawa editor slept much of the time, but I was interested in the almost perfect performance of that young crew, taking a land plane on a long sea voyage. I could see the altimeter and i knew with what skill they flew their Douglas through the dangerous air opposite the unfriendly coast of Occupied France.

As long as we travelled beside the coasts of Portugal, the plane stayed low and I could see the little white houses with their red tiled roofs, the white stone fences along the roads, the churches on the hills, and an occasional city. Near Oporto, we came in over the swampy coast and landed on an airport which was little more than a pasture field. While the Douglas was being refueled, a train of tiny cars drew up beside a sugar refinery not far away. Along the borders of the airport was a stream. At a broad pool, Portugese women were busy doing the family washing, beating the clothes on the stones and hanging them to dry on the bushes growing along the bank.

Over the Ocean in a Land Plane

The route after leaving the northwest corner of Spain is probably a secret and no doubt it varies somewhat with each trip. We no longer flew low, but so far above the clouds that they looked like the Prairies in winter—an even, glaring white. The pilot chose a height of more than two miles above the water, and after that the altimeter needle never varied for hours at a time. It was a little too high for comfort. Looking down at my finger nails, I saw that they had turned a bright blue and there was a numbness in my hands and feet. That wasn't important then. Far more important was the fact that an enemy plane could have been seen 25 miles or more away against that snowy background. It is said that planes have been molested on that route, but none has ever been lost.

At noon, one of the Dutch boys gave me a box lunch and i light was my appetite. There was a large cut of some kind of fowl, which intrigued most of the Canadians. One editor ventured the opinion that it was ostrich. Possibly it was a Portugese turkey.

All in the Front Line Now !"

Before the British Isles were in sight, the windows of the plane were covered with locked shutters and the passengers saw nothing of the land until the plane came down with scarcely a bump on British soil.

I stepped out into the sunlight and looked around curiously. The low buildings were camouflaged. Walls of sandbags were built in front of the doors and windows. A big Wellington bomber, the first one I had ever seen, was taking to the air and passed over my head. The buildings of a city showed over a low hill and above the hill floated several barrage balloons. They looked exactly like the photographs I had seen so often — from that distance like silvery hot-dogs in the sky, with a piece of the sausage hanging out one end of the bun.

This was our first sight of England in wartime! We were "all in the front line now!"

LIGHTS KEEPER WADED INTO SEA

Is Cited For Heroic

Llanddwyn, Wales, Dec. 8 (CP) When a cargo steamer was wrecked on rocks off this island, 65-year-old Mrs. James Jones, who has looked after the lighthouse here since her husband died 20 years ago, waded into the sea and ed directions to the crew of 28 making their way to shore in a lifeboat. The story of Mrs. Jones' bravery was told by five Red Cross workers who received the society's certificate for distinguished war service for plodding through miles of gale-swept sand dunes with stretchers and equipment for the crew.

C. P. R. Employees' $50,000 Buys Two Fighter Planes



Canadian Pacific Railway employees throughout the system have, by donating old gold, treasured keepsakes, and cash, contributed $50,000 for the purchase of two fighter aircraft for the Royal Canadian Air Force. The cheque was presented at an impressive ceremony held recently in the Windsor Station concourse in Montreal, when representatives of the services, officials of the company, employees, and representatives of the R.C.A.F, joined in a colorful ceremony. Illustration shows C. E. Stockdill, assistant to the vice-president, Western Lines, presenting the cheque to Air Commodore A. de Niverville, Air Officer Commanding No. 3 Training Command, who in turn passed it on to Air Vice-Marshal G. O. Johnson, M.C., deputy chief of the Air Staff. The idea of the Golden Aircraft Fund originated with Miss Gladys Gowland of the company's treasury department, and was carried through to a vigorous finish by an employees' committee.

DISTRICT NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

CUSHING

Mrs. J. Gleave and son, Russell, of Westmount, spent the week-end at "Lorne Crest."

Mrs. A. Graham and Miss Christina Graham are spending a few days this week in Montreal.

Week-end guests at the home of Mrs. Roy Dobbie were Miss Margaret McKiddie, of Macdonald College, and Master Elmer Griffith, of Lachute.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Graham were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Graham and son, James, of Lachute, Miss Leona Boyd, of Morin Heights, also Mrs. R. Black and son, John, and Mr. and Mrs. James Black of Mabel.

Mrs. J. Innes spent the past week with her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Meservy, in Ottawa.

Mr. Reeder, a student preacher, from McGill, occupied St. Mungo's pulpit on Sunday.

Frontier W.I. Meeting

An interesting W.I. Meeting (Frontier Branch) was held at the home of Mrs. John Heatlie on Friday night. The children had a treat of candy at the expense of the Society. There was a basket draw as a gift exchange among the members; a donation of $8 was made to the Children's Memorial Hospital, and a short program of recitations and songs by the children and guitar melodies by John Heatlie Jr. was enjoyed by the gathering.

First prize winner of the ladies' contest — names of persons in public life in the past — was Mrs. Archie Murdoch, with four ladies tied for second place — Mrs. L. M. Gaston, Mrs. D. Clark, Mrs. A. Heatlie and Mrs. R. Dobbie.

The gentlemen's contest — naming the trees — was won by John Heatlie, Jr., with Archie McFaul second, Douglas Clark and Irving Warwick very close runners-up.

CUSHING WEST

Miss Catherine Cooke, who is a student at Macdonald this term, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. C. L. Cooke.

Mr. J. Carr, of Montreal, was a week-end guest of Mr. E. Whelehan.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Watson visited the latter's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dawson, at Stonefield Heights on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hartley and Miss K. Whelehan, of Montreal, were week-end visitors here.

Capt. T. W. Weir motored to Montreal for the week-end, returning on Monday with Mrs. Weir who had spent last week in the city.

Mr. D. Girling, who has been employed on the "Britamette" during the past ten months, has arrived home.

The members of Cushing W.M.S. are holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. Canning, Stonefield.

HARRINGTON

Mrs. J. Gillies, of New Carlisle, Que., visited with her brother, Mr. J. Dobbie last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Swail and family visited in Arundel on Sunday.

Miss V. Armstrong, of Lachute, spent the week-end in Harrington.

Misses Isabel and Edith McCallum visited their aunt, Mrs. J. John, in Shawbridge on Sunday.

Miss Hughena Hodge of Lachute spent the week-end with Miss Dorothy McRae.

DALESVILLE

Miss Dora Gunn, of Louisa, was home for the week-end.

At their last meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Jos Hamilton, the Dalesville Community Club decided to hold a Christmas party at Mrs. Chas. Vary's on December 18. After this gathering no regular meetings are to be held until the spring.

Recent changes of residence in this community include the following — Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Wert and family, also Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Murdoch and daughter, have moved to Brownsburg . . . Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dixon and daughter, also Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cleland, have come to Dalesville to live.

Those attending the Protestant League meeting, held in the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, and which was addressed by the Rev. T. T. Shields last Wednesday, were—the Rev. C. Hardie, Messrs. Fred Benoit, Leslie Tomalty and Urbane Tomalty.

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(Intended for last issue)

Miss Violet Gain was a guest at the home of Mrs. Milton Townsend recently.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. Hardie, Mrs. U. Tomalty and Mrs. Townsend, also Miss Shirley Tomalty and Miss Audrey Townsend, were in Montreal for a day recently.

Miss Enid Campbell was a recent visitor in Montreal.

Little Miss Eleanor Campbell was a guest at the home of her cousin, Shirley McGeorge, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Catton, of Ste. Therese, spent Sunday at their camp.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker and family, of Montreal, visited Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hall recently.

Mrs. H. McRae, of St. Hermas, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Cleland.

GRENVILLE NORTH

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McCart and the Misses Hilda and Ann McCart spent Monday in St. Philippe as guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Derouin.

Miss Theresa Robert and Mr. Wm. Robert, of St. Philippe, were visitors last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McCart, also calling on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gauley.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gauley and children, also Mr. Wm. Cousins, were in St. Andrews last Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Perks.

Mrs. Jack Cooke and sons, Raymond and Delmar, of Netherhill, Sask., are in this locality renewing old friends, and while here are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hoare, Sr. Mr. Cooke remained in Toronto.

Louis Larocque, Sr., was struck recently by a tree while skidding wood in the bush and suffered three fractured ribs. He is now making satisfactory recovery.

Miss Lillian Steele, of Grenville, is in charge of Rawcliffe school for this term.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved relatives of the late Fraser Dewar; and also to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cousins, Elsie and Howard, in the loss of their little son and brother.

MABEL

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Maddon, of Kilmar, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Murdoch during the week-end.

Miss Evelyn Heatlie, of Montreal, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Heatlie.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos MacCullough, of N.D.G., spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Murdoch.

Miss Shirley Heatlie, of Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Heatlie, during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Seale and little daughter, Doreen, of Morin Heights, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Murdoch.

Mrs. R. Black, Mr. John Black, also Mr. and Mrs. James Black, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Graham of Cushing on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Murdoch visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dixon at Dalesville on Sunday.

Mr. Geo. Clark and Miss Catherine Clark, also Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Clark and children, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cunning in Vankleek Hill on Friday.

LEMON CULTIVATION IS REGINA EXPERIMENT

Regina, Sask. — That it is possible to grow lemons in Saskatchewan has been proven by W. Ansell, gardener at the local C.N.R. shops. The proof is a lemon of unusually large proportions. Two years ago Mr. Ansell planted seedlings in a large flower pot filled with Regina soil and placed his experimental planting in the C.N.R. greenhouses. The result is an ornamental plant, but Mr. Ansell plans to use the fruit for more seedlings instead of a tasty pie. Encouraged by this experiment Mr. Ansell now plans to try his luck with limes.

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On Active Service — Obeying Wings to Words

THE WOMAN'S PAGE

Hints for Homebodies

By Jessie Allen Brown

A CROP OF CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas trees are among the Maritime exports. When we lived in Halifax we used to see flat-car after flat-car in the yards loaded with trees. They bundle them together and flatten them out, so one car will hold about 2700 trees. If you drive off the main highways in New Brunswick, you can see them piled up by the side of the road ready for trucking and there are great quantities of them at the small stations. Farms here are not like the Ontario farms, all cultivated and with perhaps a small wood-lot. A New Brunswick farm will have a few fields of cleared land and the rest will be bush, and work in the bush is part of the farm work. Irregular shaped fields are tucked in around the bush. One girl told me quite proudly that they had three fields on their farm. Christmas trees are part of their cash crop. When you see the number of trees cut you would wonder there could be any left, but those who know say that those cut are not good for anything else. We literally picked up our Christmas tree this year. While at a gas station we saw several truck loads of Christmas trees go by and later as we drove along we found one in the middle of the road which had dropped off a truck. People down here stick in evergreen trees as part of their winter decorations. They are not planted but just stuck in the ground. You have only to drive a very few miles in any direction to find all you want.

THINGS TO MAKE

Some of the home-made toys give the small child the greatest joy. Start collecting boxes and tins, especially those with good-fitting covers, to make a nest. A large tin such as a No. 10 can be put to a great many uses. Give the cans a coat of paint to add to their attraction. Clothespins (not the spring variety) and empty spools are treasures. If they are painted a bright color they will be branded as the child's possession. It is difficult to buy large blocks, and blocks as large as 4 x 4 x 8 are treasures. A 2" plank sawed into various lengths and widths has innumerable uses. Some of these should be long enough to build a house to get into. A collection of various lengths of hard-wood flooring was one of our boy's most valuable possessions. Wagons may be made from small boxes and empty spools. Pictures may be pasted on thin board or card board and cut into several pieces for puzzles. Those on thin board and cut with a scroll saw may be made simple or difficult to suit the ability of the child. Orange crates make excellent doll's houses and they can be fashioned into furniture. Cuddly dolls and animals may be made at home. Scrap books with plenty of pictures are a joy to a small child. Let us use more imagination and less money this Christmas.

GLOVE BUYING HINTS

Gloves are a favorite Christmas gift and they will be more poplar than ever this year as the trend is to the useful in gifts. When you are buying gloves there are some special things to look for. The material in a fabric glove should be firm and closely woven for good long wear. Time was when only women wore fabric gloves but now many men prefer the natural-colored fabric glove for dress wear. There is nothing like a pig-skin glove for long wear and it is a favorite with both men and women. There are simulated pig-skins that are not quite as good as the real thing, but they are cape-skin and will give good wear. The markings are more even than on the pig-skin as they are put in by machine. A good doe-skin should be thin and pliable. A thick-skinned doe will not wash well but the good doe-skin will stand innumerable washings and if washed properly will always stay soft. Cheap doe-skin gloves are a waste of money but the good ones are a good investment. When a lined glove is chosen always pick one with a knitted lining. The lining in a fleece-lined glove does not come over the tips of the fingers in the same way that the knitted one does, so it wears out quicker and bunches down in the finger and is uncomfortable. The difference in cost between the fleece-lined and the knitted will be made up by the extra year and warmth of the knit lining. A loosely knit wool glove is a cold glove as the breezes blow through them.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES

1 Cup butter, ½ cup granulated sugar, ½ cup brown sugar, 1 egg slightly beaten, ½ cup of candied cherries, 2 cups pastry flour, ½ teaspoon soda, ¼ teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon vanilla.

Cream butter and sugar, stir in egg, and sifted dry ingredients, and red and green cherries cut in pieces. Shape into two rolls and chill over night. Cut in very thin slices, and bake in a hot oven of 400 degrees.

CANDIED ORANGE OR GRAPEFRUIT PEEL

Remove peel from four thin-skinned oranges, or two grapefruit, in quarters. Cover with cold water, bring to the boiling point and cook slowly until soft. Drain, remove the white portion with a spoon, and cut the yellow portion in thin strips with the scissors. Boil 1 cup of granulated sugar and one-half cup water until syrup will thread when dropped from the tip of a spoon. For Christmas use, it is nice to divide the syrup into three parts, and color one part green and the other red. Boil the strips in the syrup for five minutes, drain and roll in granulated sugar. If these are kept in a tin box they will keep for a long time.

"For Christmas in the Air-Raid Shelters"

Gifts of cash from all parts of the Dominion are arriving at the collecting agencies of the Queen's Canadian Fund earmarked "For Christmas in Shelters".

These are the first fruits of the Fund's appeal, recently launched, for cash which will be cabled to the Lord Mayor's Fund in Great Britain. Officials of the Lord Mayor's Fund will undertake the purchase and distribution of comforts.

Hundreds of thousands of people will be spending the long nights of the Christmas season underground, both in the deep shelters of London and other great cities and in basement shelters throughout the country, which while they offer protection from bomb-blast, would not resist direct hits.

The British War Relief Society of the United States is providing candy and toys for each of 100,000 bombed children. It is pointed out at the Montreal headquarters of the Queen's Canadian Fund that this is only a beginning. The directors of the Fund are confident that Canadians will not be behindhand in generosity directed towards making Christmas tolerable for those who will spend the festival in cheerless and uncomfortable conditions—because they are still holding their posts in the front line of our civilization.

Put off thy cares with thy clothes; so shall thy rest strengthen thy labor, and so thy labor sweeten thy rest. —Selected

No Bare Legs Edict for Female Bank Clerks

In this world of chaotic change it is comforting to find a solid standard of dignity, unaffected by wars or women's whims. So it was with the feeling of an exhausted swimmer in a troubled sea who comes upon a firm rock that the statement of the Bank of England was read recently in a dispatch from the Motner Country.

"Under no circumstances whatever must any of the female staff appear on duty with bare legs" was the reply of the Bank of England's Manchester branch to a petition from girl staff members to come to work without any stockings. Bombs may fall, supply ships may go to the bottom, factories may be demolished, silk supplies may be rationed — but under no circumstances whatever must any of the female staff appear on duty with bare legs.

Things like that must make Herr Hitler very annoyed.

—The Printed Word

License to Trade



Under the wartime prices and trade board order every retail firm in Canada affected by the price ceiling must be licensed. This label will thus appear in the window of each firm.

MRS. SLATER SPENDS CLOTHING COUPONS

By Mrs. M. Slater
(Bulletins from Britain)

I had saved up grimly this spring for a couple of really good tweed suits — and had found them — at half price — in the bargain sales at an excellent department store. Money had been scarce since the war began. There had been a definite decrease in the demand for the work of my portrait-painter husband. But we were getting on fine when one Sunday morning — it was June 1, I remember — I sleepily opened my eyes, and my newspaper, only to have my lids flutter wildly at the words:

Clothes Rationing From Today Sixty-Six Coupons For A Year

It didn't really make much difference to me immediately, because I had no money to spend anyway. But it had a sinister, curtailing sound about it.

During the first few months of the war, I can remember that I had glowered darkly (and jealously) at other women who retained what seemed to me an aggressive chic. I had said to myself: "It's entirely wrong to be so Trivial in these Stern Times." Then a tempting little voice had first whispered, then shouted: "Don't be a fool — you can be both patriotic and chic You can be serious without looking like a rag-bag."

I Blow All of $20!

So one morning, after the war had been going on for three months or so, I bounded out of my country bed, tossed the baby, whom I had been bewildering with my wartime attentions, to other (and more capable) hands, and made for London. Remember, this was in 1939. Had I been in possession of a blank check book that day, heaven knows what might have happened. As it was, I had to make $20 go a long way . . . and, if I remember correctly, $8 went on a hat, $8 on good shoes, and $4 on silk stockings, on the theory that if top and toes are all right, no one will notice what goes in between.

Well that was my first wartime fling, and the good effect it had on me, and everyone around me, was startling. It was well worth $20. But another $20 seemed pretty remote. When your ex-portrait-painter husband (whom you adore) becomes a Filot Officer in the R.A. F., earning $22.40 a week, with allowances, you have to budget pretty carefully.

Now, to get along to this June, 1941, Sunday, I studied the regulations long and sadly. I looked at the rationing list: wool dress, 11 coupons; rayon dress, 7; suit, 18; topcoat,14; shoes, 5; stockings,2; gloves, 2; blouse or jersey, 5 — total, 64 coupons.

At that rate, the year's allowance of sixty-six wouldn't go a long way! I did some laborious arithmetic — never my good subject — and set out for London again, making a bee-line for the remnant counters (where fabric is sold by weight not yardage) and the lace and braid counters, where there is no rationing. Back in triumph I spent my evenings ripping, tacking, sewing and repairing my meagre wardrobe.

First, I fixed up my plain royal blue tweed suit . . . out come the back and sleeves, to be replaced by new ones of dark wine jersey, worn with a matching jersey blouse. I had a wine red jersey turban made to complete the outfit — which didn't cost any coupons as hats weren't rationed — yet.

Then I tackled my over-everything, neutral tweed topcoat. I invested in a little more than a skirt-length of plaid tweed, made it up into a plain, wrap-around skirt, and used the left-overs on the coat as big patch pockets and facings. That converted the coat into a useful two-piece.

Next I started on my black town suit — which had seen better days — and I dolled it up with twin rows of broad black braid, edging the jacket and the hem of the skirt — and I made an all-lace blouse for rifvious moments — using no coupons, as neither lace nor braid were rationed.

My good black crepe dress has three new trimmings to give it three lives. First, a brief bolero made of row upon row of white Val lace. I wear this with a classicblack sailor hat from which I have ripped the crown, substituting one of gathered Val lace to match the bolero. Then, a deep clip-on peplum made of nine-inch wide black silk furnishing fringe, with a necklace of matching fringe. And third, a collar, cuffs and belt of ice blue sequins to wear when I meet my husband on leave and we dine down town.

I Indulge in a Day Dream

I'm planning a lot of other rejuvenations with non-rationed odds and ends, but I haven't got around to doing them yet. Meanwhile I'm spending coupons on really good lasting necessities like . . . two pairs of shoes — ten coupons; three pairs rayon stockings — six coupons; one good girdle — three coupons; two pairs bloomers — six coupons; one pair pigskin gloves— two coupons; one nightie — six coupons. Already thirty-three coupons in less than half the year have gone out of my allotted sixty-six.

I often dream, robustly, of ME, swathed in furs, clutching an enormous check and surrounded by froths of expensive fripperies, all being shown to me by a German Frau with no clothes at all . . . or only just enough for decencyô

MILL IN KITCHEN CAROLINA TREND

Farm Women Help "Come-Back", Adapt Ways of Pioneers

Clemson, S.C., Dec 8 (CP) — South Carolina is turning back the pages 100 years and more in order to progress toward a state of self-sufficiency which, if it won't put a chicken in every pot, may at least raise the standard of living among farm families.

One effort of the project is to convert every South Carolina farmer's kitchen into a miniature grist mill with the help of power driven equipment.

"Milling at home," says agricultural engineer C. V. Phagan, "permits a family to take a bushel of wheat and convert it into 50 pounds of whole wheat flour plus 10 pounds of bran."

Show Them How

County and home demonstration agents have been showing methods for the preparation of nutritious whole wheat flour, corn meal and grits. Mills suitable for operation with a quarter-horsepower electric motor cost $10 to $12, without the motor, and grind wheat for a cent or two a bushel.

Martha W. Buttrill, nutritionist of Winthrop college, has demonstrated that flours, meals and other grain products are cheap sources of calories, proteins and iron. "The less highly the grain is milled or refined," she says, "the more it contributes in minerals and vitamins".

Mr. Phagan says that "from a strictly monetary standpoint", milling at home is profitable even if it is necessary to buy the grain. On the average, commercial breakfast foods sell for around 12 to 15 cents a pound. By home grinding of wheat and corn for cereal the average cost will be less than two cents a pound.

Homey and Expertly

Many Carolina farm families have been forced to lower their standard of living and turn from cotton and tobacco to more diversified farming.

More livestock and poultry was raised by small-scale farmers, and more attention paid to dairying and home churning of butter.

In advocating diversification, the experts have steered clear of the spectacular. "Most of our successful money making enterprises," they say, "consist of things which already were familiar to us but had not been handled expertly."

ANY TRAIN WOULD DO

Montreal — "Have you a train between ten and eleven?" enquired a voice, to the Information Clerk at Bonaventure Station of the C.N.R. "But where do you want to go?" queried the clerk. "Oh, any place will do, it's for a wedding party," responded the unseen. "Then you could travel by the 10.15 that will meet a connecting train for Niagara Falls," said the clerk. The suggestion was accepted.

Call from Moscow To British Women

Soviet Women Greet London Housewives and Receive Reply

London, Dec. 8 (CP) — Housewives of Moscow in a message to the housewives of London called upon them to "wage an active struggle against German fascism: to mobilize your strength for this struggle for the liberation of humanity. Long live the women of Great Britain," their message ended. "Long live the victory over our common accursed enemy."

Acknowledging the greeting, London housewives replied "We housewives in the civil defence services of London are proud to count ourselves in arms . . . . Out of the agony which the German blood lust has brought upon Europe a finer civilization must spring to life. The women of Russia and the women of the British Empire must play a leading part in the creation of this new world."

VICTORIAN FASHIONS SOLD FOR QUEEN'S FUND

"Boaters", stove-pipe hats, and derbies of forty years ago were recently attracting attention in the window of the Truro News, of Truro, N.S., and on closer inspection the unusual exhibit proved to be benifitting the Queen's Canadian Fund. A sales firm in Truro had turned out the old Victorian styles and put them on display to be sold in aid of the fund. An officer of the New Brunswick Rangers bought the whole lot.



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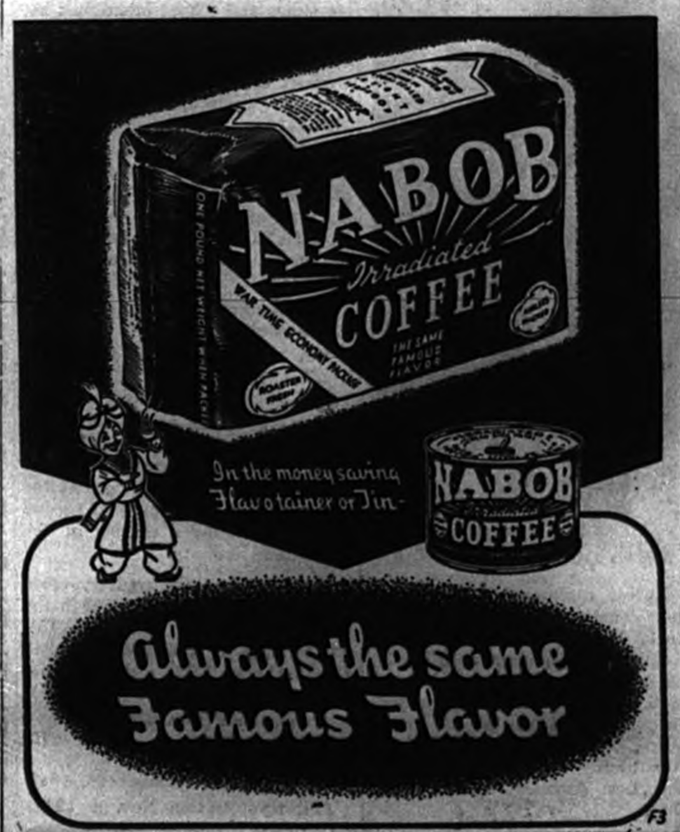
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Distinct increase in catches of cod landed by fishermen of Quebec has been a feature of fisheries operations in that province in recent months.

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HOUSE FOR SALE — 8 rooms with modern conveniences. West end. Apply Chas. McFaul, Chute à Blondeau, Ont., or tel. Hawkesbury 54-w-2. -1p

FOR SALE — anyone wishing to obtain Christmas trees, please leave order at Campbell's store Lachute. Phone 50 or 81-J-4. Price per tree 25c.-50c. D18-2p

FOR SALE—set heavy sloops with rack, nearly new. Apply Peter Bryce, Centreville, R.R. No. 2, Lachute. -1p

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WELL DRILLING—Those in need of a well drilled, for supply of water at all times, get in touch with me now. I am at present drilling for Russel Mathews, R.R. No. 1, Grenville; or address direct to—Arthur Campbell, Plantagenet, Ontario. -1p.

LOST — on Saturday, Dec. 6, near Dunany, two horses, one black and one red. Finder please communicate with Rene Laurin. Phone 200, Lachute. -1c

WOOD FOR SALE — dry or mixed hardwood, maple, beech, or birch, or mixed. Length — from one to three feet. For delivered price write or phone requirements to, Arnoldwold Farms, Grenville, Que. D18-2c

Sale by Auction

Public Notice is hereby given that, by public auction at North River Schoolhouse on December 17, 1941, at 1 p.m., E.D.S.T., the school buildings of North River and Davidson Schools, also the woodshed at Chatboro School, will be sold.

Terms cash.

—John Owens, Sec.-treas.

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Mon., Tues., Dec. 15, 16

The Fighting "69"

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"RAFFLES"

David Niven, Olivia De Havilland

Serial: Terry and the Pirate (5)

And NEWS REEL

Wed., Dec. 17. French Show

"La Mascotte"

Lucien Baroux, Germaine Roger

Serial: Terry and the Pirate (5)

And CARTOON

Matinee 1.30 p.m. Soiree 7 p.m.

SUCCESSFUL SHOW SPONSORED BY LIONS FOR "SMOKES" FUND

Returns from the benefit performance at Rex Theatre last evening, sponsored by the Lions Club for their cigarette fund for soldiers overseas, will add between $40 and $50 to the treasury for this purpose.

An outstanding program was arranged and the attendance was highly gratifying.

She's Heading For Hollywood



Latest dance sensation from South America is Eros Volusia of Brazil. She arrived in New York on the S.S. Argentina and is currently en route to Hollywood for her film debut.

COMING EVENTS

Notices of Entertainments. Concerts or Meetings, etc., 10 cents per line each insertion. Minimum 50 cents. If billed, 60 cts.

CANDLE-LIGHTING CEREMONY

The C.G.I.T. of United Church will hold their Candle-lighting Ceremony on Sunday, December 14, at seven o'clock in the church.

LACHUTE W.I.

On Tuesday, December 16, the members of Lachute Women's Institute are requested to bring in their Christmas parcels of jam, jelly or cookies for Ste. Agathe Sanatorium and the Grace Dart Home.

Convenor—Mrs. F. S. McGibbon

FALL SALE

The Ladies' Aid of Brownsburg Presbyterian Church are holding their annual fall sale on Friday, December 12. Fancy work and home-cooking.

FIREMEN'S BALL

The 20th Annual Firemen's Ball will be held in Lachute Auditorium on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31. Plan to attend this gala night and help a worthy cause.

DANCE

A dance will be held in McArthur's Hall on Saturday night, December 20. Good Music and the usual good time assured! Admission 25c. —E. Berry. D18-2p.

FARM RADIO FORUMS

All persons interested in organizing Farm Radio Forums in the County of Argenteuil are requested to meet in the Agronomist's office, Lachute, on Wednesday, December 17, at 8.00 p.m. Mr. Haas of Macdonald College will be present at this meeting to assist with this organization work.

-1c Alex Bothwell, Agronomist

DANCE

The ladies of Laurentian Lodge No. 943 are holding a dance in their hall, 14 Hope Street, Lachute, on Saturday December 13. Admission 25c. Please keep the date open. -1c

PHONE YOUR WANT ADS to

NUMBER 27

THE WATCHMAN

Important Ski Events Set for St. Sauveur

St. Sauveur, Dec. 9—Everybody in this Laurentian winter resort is now busy with preparations for the ski season. Already there has been frost to establish a base for a real wintry snow, and local experts predict that this will be a good winter for the enthusiasts; but then experts are like that. Meanwhile, ski tows are being overhauled and it is reported that five such labor-saving devices will be in operation, including that at Hill 70, which is the senior of all the slopes leading into the St. Sauveur Valley.

Strike Vote

A friend reports that, after conducting a long but losing argument with his wife, he recently consented to have two rooms of their home redecorated. Arrangements were made with the contractor for the work to begin on Monday morning.

On the Sunday evening our friend was listening to the news broadcast to the accompaniment of remarks to the effect that it was time he began clearing the pictures and furniture out of the rooms to be decorated, when a pertinent item caught his ear. It was that the painters and decorators of his city had just voted to strike for higher wages.

"There, my dear," he said, leaning back in his chair. "We probably won't have to clear out those rooms for a week or two."

Next morning, greatly to his surprise, two workmen arrived and began unloading ladders, paint and paste-brushes. Our friend hurried outside.

How's this?" he asked. "I thought you chaps were on strike."

"I didn't know about that, Mister," said the senior workman. "May I use your phone?"

After a short conversation with the office of his union he reported: "Yep, we're on strike."

It turned out that the workmen had been out of town for the weekend and had not heard of the strike vote. They finished unloading their materials, stored them in our friend's garage, and drove merrily away. —The Printed Word

BIRTH OF THE EGG

The egg came, scientists theorize, because reptiles got away from water only after "inventing an egg which could be laid on dry ground. Birds developed from reptiles.

Test Equipment for Army Dogs



Latest equipment for defence dogs consists of this new harness pack, holding radio short-wave receiving equipment and headphones. It makes possible remote control of war dogs under fire, within a radius of three miles, under adverse battlefield conditions. This was taken at the Los Angeles Kennel club show.

NEW LUXURY LODGE IN CONSTRUCTION, MONT TREMBLANT

Wealthy Contractor Supervising Construction of Luxurious Laurentian Retreat

The lumberman's axe and the carpenter's hammer are echoing through Mont Tremblant sector of the Laurentians these days as James Franceschini, released from an internment camp last June because "he was a very sick man", supervises construction of a luxurious cabin overlooking Lac Tremblant between Lac Mercier village and Mont Tremblant.

The wealthy contractor hopes to have his Laurentian retreat ready for occupancy by July 1. Meantime he is living in what was formerly one of the most luxurious of small hotels in the district, where friends and architects discuss plans for the new Franceschini lodge. According to all reports this will be one of the showplaces of the north.

No stranger to the Laurentians is Franceschini. During the Duplessis regime he built a fine wide highway between Ste. Agathe and St. Jovite and was preparing for further construction when the Duplessis Government was defeated.

Internment of the wealthy contractor was the subject of several questions in the House of Commons. He was interned in a general round-up of Italian nationals. From time to time it was reported Franceschini would be released and it was said Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn, of Ontario, was among leading citizens who interceded in his behalf.

He was released in mid-June this year, being admitted thereafter to the Toronto General Hospital. Report of his condition was referred to the Federal Health Department and, as a result, the Justice Department authorized his release.

Modern Vikings Escape Germans

Epic Flight of Mother and Three Children, Norway to Britain

London (CP) — A machine-gun attack from the air and a gale failed to prevent a Norwegian mother and her three children from crossing the North Sea to Great Britain.

One of the men steering the boat which brought Mrs. Johanessen and her sons Jon, aged one, Leif, four, and Alf, eight, from Norway was hit by a bullet and killed and many of the crew were injured. In England, Mrs. Johanessen was reunited with her husband who escaped a year ago.

Sheriff's Sale

Public Notice is hereby given that the undermentioned LANDS and TENEMENTS have been seized, and will be sold at the respective times and places mentioned below.

Superior Court,
District of Terrebonne,
Canada, Province of Quebec
No. 7414

JOHN McLAUGHLIN, formerly general merchant and now burgess, of Huberdeau village, district of Terrebonne, plaintiff; vs CHAS. D. STANIFORTH, of Rouge Valley in the district of Terrebonne, defendant.

As belonging to Charles D. Staniforth, defendant:

One ninth undivided of the lot number seventeen of the second range of Arundel canton.

One eighteenth undivided of the west half of the lot sixteen of the second range of Arundel canton, and one eighteenth undivided of the lots eighteen and twenty of second range of Arundel canton in the Argenteuil county.

To be sold at the registry office for the county of Argenteuil in the town of Lachute, the THIRTY-FIRST day of DECEMBER 1941 (31-12-41) at TWO o'clock in the afternoon (daylight saving time).

ALBERT FOURNELLE, Sheriff

Sheriff's Office,
St. Jerome, November 26, 1941.
(First publication, Nov. 29, 1941)

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Plymouth 1939 4-Door

Plymouth 1938 2-Door

Dodge 1938 4-Door

Dodge 1935 4-Door

Ford 1936 2-Door

MacRae Motor Sales

— PHONE NO. 220 —

Russian Bird Captured In Newfoundland

Ottawa — The flight of a kittiwake gull from within the Arctic Circle in Russia to Newfoundland is revealed by a bird-banding recovery record furnished recently through co-operation of the Department of Natural Resources, Newfoundland.

The long-distance bird-traveller was captured at Bonavista Harbour, Newfoundland, during the autumn of 1939, and subsequent investigation of the band it wore revealed that the gull had been banded during the summer of 1938 on the Island of Kharlov by a worker of the Central Bureau for Bird Ringing, Moscow. The island of Kharlov lies in the Barents Sea, off the coast of Murmansk, about two hundred miles within the Arctic Circle.

The tracing of this bird's flight is an effective demonstration of the value of bird banding in determining migration routes, breeding and wintering grounds, concentration points, and economic status of wild birds. In North America this important work is carried on in full co-operation between the governments of Canada, the United States, Newfoundland, Mexico, and to a certain extent with South American countries.

British Columbia takes first place among Canada's provinces in order of marketed value of fishery products.

"I have a plot of ground right here and I am going to build a bungalow, and I'm looking for a wife to occupy it with me."

"From what I've seen of bungalows, you'd better get a smaller wife than me."

CAPITOL BROWNSBURG

Sun., continuous show from 2 p.m. . . Wed. & Fri. Matinees 1.30 p.m.

FRI., SAT., DEC. 12-13

Edward G. ROBINSON, Marlene Dietrich, George Raft in

MAN POWER

Albert Dekker, Frances Farmer,

AMONG THE LIVING

Paramount News of the Day

SUN., MON., DEC. 14-15

Spencer TRACY, Ingrid Bergman, Lena Turner in

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

Tim Holt, Janet Waldo,

BANDIT TRAIL

JUNIOR G-MEN

TUES., WED., THURS., DEC. 16-17-18

Barbara STANWYCK, Henry FONDA, Edgar Buchanan,

YOU BELONG TO ME

Richard Whorf, Lloyd Nolan in

STEEL against the SKY

THE LITTLE MOLE

WEEK AT OTTAWA

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of his jobs will be to reorganize Canada's export control machinery.

In the military field, moves are being made toward formation of a Canadian parachute corps sometime next year. Details are lacking but it is understood the corps, if it is set up, will be an army formation, drawing entirely on volunteers willing to take risks greater than those faced by the ordinary soldier.

Parliament Reopening

With parliament's reopening little more than a month away, political attention was centered at the week-end on the choice of a successor for Justice Minister Ernest Lapointe. This interest was sharpened by the recent visit to Ottawa of Premier Adelard Godbout of Quebec.

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Words are like leaves, and where they most abound much fruit of sense is rarely found. —Pope

Fortune Teller — I see a vision —it is your deceased wife. She craves permission to send a message to you.

Client — Then that's not her, guvnor. My wife never asked for no permission when she guv her messages to me.

Two slightly inebriated men met on the street. Said the first: "Do you know Jack Robinshun?"

Said the second: "No, whas'sis name?"

Said the first: "Who?"

Said the second: "I dunno", as he staggered away.

REX

THURS., FRI., SAT. DEC. 11-12-13

Vivien LEIGH, Lawrence OLIVIER

That HAMILTON WOMAN

"BABY SANDY", Edward Everett Horton, Donald Woods in

"BACHELOR DADDY"

FOX NEWS OF THE DAY

SUN., MON., DEC. 14-15

Johnny WEISSMULLER, Maureen O'SULLIVAN in

Tarzan's Secret Treasure

Richard Whorf, Lloyd Nolan in

"Steel Against the Sky"

Edgar Kennedy Comedy: DRAFTED AT THE DEPOT

TUES., WED., THURS. DEC. 16-17-18

Jeanette MacDONALD, Brian AHERNE in

SMILIN' THROUGH

John Beal, Florence Rice, Edward Norris in

"DOCTORS DON'T TELL"

Selected Cartoon: BEAUTY AND THE BEACH

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in the business centre, Main Street, Lachute

DO YOU KNOW ? ---

that we are serving COMPLETE MEALS from 12 noon till 9 p.m., from 40 CENTS UP; and all our food is prepared by a highly qualified and expert chef (ten years at Seigniory Club) . . A LA CARTE at all hours.

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our variety of CHOCOLATES, HOME-MADE CANDIES is unsurpassed. Gift boxes and large display of table assortments for your holiday shopping



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Men's Bathrobes

Strong Elderdowns in a large array of colors and patterns. blue, brown, grey, green, red. Corded lapel and sleeve trim. Girdle to match. Sizes 36 to 44.

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Men's Dressing Gowns

A variety of gowns in wool, silk and rayon in floral and stripe design. Beautiful comfy robes in the latest cut and trim. All at a reduced price. Sizes 36 to 44.

$6.95 to $10.95

Men's "Yama Cloth" Pyjamas

A warm gift for a man. Heavy "Yama cloth" in an assortment of colors and patterns. Styled with Elasto girdle. Sizes A to D

Price $1.95

Men's Slippers

Genuine hand-made Indian mocassin slippers. Tan elk leather with fancy trim. Sizes 6 to 11.

Price $2.95

A fine array of gifts for every friend and relative, young or old!



Men's Slippers

Cherry color in side leather, with Patent leather trim. Soft and cozy. Leather sole and heel. Sizes 6 to 11.

Price $1.95

Men's Ties

Scores of colors and patterns in Paisleys, silks, non-crush, tartans, and rayon silk. A gift that he will be proud to wear. Buy him several of these this Christmas.

Price 35c. to $1.

Ladies' Oxford Slippers

Pretty, high-front slippers. Quilted sock lining, so cozy and comfy. Cuban heel and soft leather sole. Very soft leather. Maroon, blue and brown. Sizes 4 to 8.

Price $1.95

Ladies' Warm Wool Gloves

All types for all occasions. Plain or embroidered fine wool 95c

Plain angorine $1.45

Angora Blossom or Fuzgora-trimmed $1.95

White, eggshell, chamois shade, beige, grey, green, wine, black, brown, mauve, orange, blue, turquoise and many other shades.

Ladies' Ski Jackets

Cosy ski jackets with attached or detachable fur trimmed hoods. Soft, sturdy, Cashalined and full slide fastener front. Wine, coral, gold, blue, turquoise and white.

Price $5.95

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NEW PHASE OF WAR TO KNIT CLOSER FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN CANADA AND UNITED STATES

'HEIGHTENED TEMPO' OF PRODUCTION IS FORESEEN IN TWO NEIGHBOR COUNTRIES

TWO OCEAN WAR WILL MAKE GASOLINE RATIONING A CERTAINTY NEXT SPRING

— THE WEEK IN OTTAWA —

Specially Written for the Watchman
By ALAN HARVEY, Canadian Press Staff Writer

Ottawa, Dec. 16 (CP) — Prime Minister Mackenzie King this week made the second of frequently predicted cabinet changes and further changes are promised for the near future.

Humphrey Mitchell, 47-year-old chairman of the National War Labor Board, was called by Mr. King to take the Labor portfolio, regarded as particularly important in wartime. Hon. Norman McLarty, former Labor Minister, became Secretary of State, filling the position formerly held by Hon. J. P. B. Casgrain who has been made a judge of the Superior Court.

Last week Hon. Louis St. Laurent of Quebec was named Justice Minister, succeeding the late Rt. Hon Ernest Lapointe, and in the cabinet adjustments yet to be made Quebec's representation will be fully restored, the Prime Minister promised.

Almost simultaneously with the cabinet changes came important military promotions. Maj.-Gen. Kenneth Stuart, Chief of the General Staff, was given the rank of Lieutenant-General.

Brig. Maurice A. Pope, Assistant Chief of the General Staff was made a Major-General and vice-chief and Col. Ralph B. Gibson, Director of Military Operations and Intelligence, was raised to the rank of Brigadier and made Assistant Chief of the General Staff (Home Defence).

These changes in personnel came at a time of intensified activity resulting from the new war in the Pacific. The growing trend towards increased collaboration and planning between the United States and Canada now would be considerably enhanced, officials said.

Apart from the more immediate issues such as joint measures for coastal defence—these were charted well in advance by the Joint Defence Board — a "heightened tempo" of production is anticipated by these informants for Canada as well as the United States.

But increased production, they say, usually involves joint problems which will place an increasing load on the various agencies set up by the two countries — the economic, materials co-ordinating and defence production committees.

Mutual Restrictions

Important war materials which the United States formerly supplied to Canada in large quantities —steel and gasoline are examples —are seriously affected by extension of the war to the Pacific. Last week, less than 24 hours after the United States banned new automobile tire sales until Dec. 22, Canada announced that sale of all new rubber pneumatic tires except those on new vehicles has been prohibited "until further notice."

Another blow to the pleasure motorist fell the following day when Munitions Minister Howe annouced that gasoline rationing will start in Canada April 1. He had said that "with a two-ocean war the demands for gasoline for war purposes will be greater than ever."

United States and other foreign tourists will be entitled to purchase gasoline "to the same relative extent as Canadians who drive cars which fall within the basic catagory." This was taken to mean no concessions will be made to tourists.

By-Election

On the political front, main interest is centred this week on the four House of Commons by-elections set for early next month in York South, Welland, Montreal-St. Mary and Quebec East. One of the contestants for election will be Louis S. St. Laurent, prominent Quebec lawyer who was sworn in as Justice Minister last week to replace the late Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe.

Senator Arthur Meighen, chosen recently to succeed Hon. R. B. Hanson as Conservative leader, will seek election in York South, vacated by Maj. Alan Cockeram to make way for the Senator.

Canada on the Seas

There was good news and bad last week for the navy. Loss of the Canadian corvette Windflower in a collision, with 23 crew members missing and presumed dead, was written into the books as Canada's second corvette and sixth ship of war lost since the war started. Forty-four members of the crew were rescued.

On the credit side of the ledger there was the launching in the United Kingdom of the navy's second Tribal class destroyer. When she is completed and commissioned she will raise Canada's destroyer strength to 15. Two others of this class will be built in Canada in the Dominion's first attempt at destroyer construction.

Organization of air raid precautions is proceeding in several additional Canadian centres following Pensions Minister Mackenzie's announcement adding subareas considered subject to hazard from enemy attack.

He said the joint staff committee of the three defence services had revised previous rulings, presumably in view of the outbreak in the Pacific, and had advised that the entire Atlantic coast south of

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British Submarines Wreck Axis Convoys



At least 10,000 Italo-German troops — reinforcements for Libya — and much heavy equipment, went to the bottom of the sea one day recently, when a British submarine sighted a convoy of large Italian merchantmen in the Mediterranean. Despite the numerous Italian escort, the British submarine sank two of the liners and damaged a third; our illustration, drawn by an artist from official details, shows the moment when the British submarine, one ship having already been left sinking, hit the second liner with a torpedo. Month by month, the toll of Axis Mediterranean shipping grows — and fewer Axis troops reach Africa!

LONDON IN THE BLACKOUT AMAZINGLY BLACK AND QUIET, EDITOR'S IMPRESSION

This is the fourth of a series of articles about conditions in Great Britain and other Countries visited by a group of Canadian newspaper editors. It was written for the weekly newspapers of Canada by their own representative on the tour, Hugh Templin, of the Fergus News-Record.

First impressions may not be accurate, but they are always interesting.

The first thing that any visitor to England wants to see is the damage done by the bombs. I was no exception. The airport where our plane had dropped us down on British soil was interesting in its way, but much like a dozen others I had visited in Canada. There were only two apparent differences: the planes were of different types, though there were a few familiar Avro Ansons, and the buildings were protected against the blasts from bombs dropping nearby.

The customs examination was brief, though the examiner did show some interest in the things I had thought it necessary to take to England with me. I had a short brush with the lady censor. She took away all the letters I had carried from Canada and appeared to be horrified that I had taken along a map of the British Isles. Apparently, I had unwittingly committed a grave crime and she said she must confiscate it.

Evidently a few girls get that way when given some brief authority. I met censors several times during the next six weeks, but none like that young lady. She even went so far as to take away two picture postcards I had bought of the Azores on the flight across the Atlantic. After a brisk argument, in which the customs man took my part, I got the map back. The letters and post cards arrived by mail at my hotel in London a week later, after being censored.

First Impressions of Bombing

It was only a few miles to the nearest city, a seaport on the west coast of England. I had never been across the Atlantic before, so I watched with interest for the things I had been told about so often — the small fields enclosed by hedges, the slated or tiled roofs, the little locomotives pulling long trains of tiny wagons. Nothing really seemed strange, for photography had made them all familiar. Only the barrage balloons floating over the nearby hills showed that England had changed.

As our car entered the city, we all looked around curiously for signs of damage. Rumors in Canada said that this ancient port was practically destroyed. German versions said that the dock area was rendered useless. As we crossed a bridge over the river, I looked at the shipping and saw no sign of damage to the docks.

The first blitzed house stood on the corner, for not a thing was left except a pile of bricks in the basement. The houses on either side seemed undamaged, except for a few boarded-up windows, but the corner one was gone as cleanly as though it had been carved out with a big knife.

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AISNE VETERAN PASSES

Bath, England (CP) — Lt.-Gen. Sir Henry Wilson, who commanded the 4th division which forced the passage of the Aisne in 1914, died at his home here. He was 82.

Youth Suffers Broken Spine In Auto Crash

JACQUES LEMAY, 18, WAS RETURNING WITH FRIEND TO MONTREAL

DRIVER, LUC LALANDE, ESCAPES WITH MINOR INJURIES

A young Lachute man, Jacques Lemay, who has latterly resided with his mother, Mrs. J. D. Lemay, in Montreal, was gravely injured in a car crash 21 miles east of town on Highway No. 8 last Thursday night. His companion, Luc Lalande, also formerly of Lachute and son of Dr. E. Lalande, suffered minor injuries about the face. Lalande, 19, and Lemay, 18, both C-I-L employees in Montreal, had come to Lachute for the evening in Dr. Lalande's automobile, and were returning to Montreal. At around 11 p.m. at a slight curve opposite the Lachance farm between Petit Brulé and St. Eustache the car left the road and struck a tree. Lalande was at the steering wheel when the mishap occurred and Lemay, seated beside him caught the full impact of the crash; he suffered two spinal fractures and other injuries.

Dr. J. Page of St. Benoit was called to the scene and rendered first aid, but it was not until two hours later that Lemay's brothers Philippe and Rodger, whom Lalande had notified by telephone, arrived from Lachute and drove the two youths to Hotel Dieu Hospital, Montreal. Here Lalande was released after treatment. Lemay, however was sent to the Neurological Institute, where it was reported his spine had been broken in two places near the neck, also his nose had been fractured. He has now partly regained consciousness and it is expected surgeons will perform an operation today.

The automobile, a Chrysler 1940 sedan, was badly wrecked. It was later towed to the MacRae Garage at Lachute.

It is believed both the driver and passenger in the car had become fatigued and may have fallen asleep while on their ill fated trip.

MAKES ESCAPE IN UNIVERSITY BLAZE

Through a telephone call from Sackville, N.B., at 4 a.m. Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brennian, Grace Street, received word that their son, Hugh, was safe after the fire at Mount Allison University, which he and his sister are attending. The conflagration, in which three students perished and nine were injured, completely destroyed the men's residence. Hugh Brennian, an inmate on the third floor of this building, was among those who fled to safety in their night clothes; otherwise all his possessions at the university were lost.

It was Miss Ruth Brennjan who telephoned her parents in the early morning to inform them that her brother was safe. Both returned home for the holidays last evening —their train having been delayed Tuesday night by the C.N.R. collision east of Mont Joli, Que.

Calumet Fire Hall Repository for District Salvage

PRINCIPAL AND PUPILS OF GRENV'L CONSOL. SCHOOL SET SPLENDID EXAMPLE

MAKE WEEKLY COLLECTION FARMERS BRING THEIR SCRAP TO VILLAGE

Calumet—Ronald Brigden, principal of Grenville Consolidated School, has organized a highly successful salvage drive in this district in connection with National Salvage Campaign.

Notices sent out by the Junior Red Cross telling the members what they should collect for the salvage campaign were typed in French and English and distributed to all the people in the district. Through collaboration of the Calumet Town Council the local fire hall was offered as a central depot where the salvage could be stored. Each Saturday morning Mr. Brigden and some of the older pupils go from door to door collecting salvage. Boys who are bilingual visit the French homes and the others visit the English homes. Several Saturdays have shown wonderful results and the fire hall is filled with old newspapers, rubbers, bottles, pots and pans and other salvage that people were glad to get rid of and yet will prove a great help in this war. The village general store promised to help in every way and when farmers come into the village to do their shopping they bring all their salvage in their wagons or cars and leave it at the store, where it is picked up each Saturday. This salvage that has been collected will be sent in to the National Salvage Warehouse at 419 St. Nicholas Street, Montreal.

SOLDIERS' SMOKES ARE WELCOME, LETTER TELLS

Among many other acknowledgments received by Chas. Walker, Lions' committeeman in charge of the "smokes" for soldiers overseas, the following letter from Pte. J. Leslie Cox with the 11th Army Tank Battalion "Somewhere in England", gives graphic proof that cigarettes in England are at a premium. Pte. Cox states :

Dear Sir : I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you and the members of the Lachute Lions Club for your kind gift of cigarettes. Smokes at any time are a welcome gift but in this country where they are very hard to buy they are doubly welcome. If we wish to buy smokes we have to depend on a mobile canteen, which we see on an average of once a week, then after lining up in the queue we are calmly told only two packages for each man. This isn't a complaint, but I'm just trying to show you how welcome your gift was, and as I can find no other words with which to express myself let me say simply and from my heart, THANK YOU.

Yours Sincerely LESLIE COX.

We're Sorry to Hustle You !

Next issue of The Watchman — our annual Christmas number bearing greetings from the businessmen of this district — will appear on Tuesday instead of Thursday. All advertisers and correspondents are therefore requested to send their copy early, to reach this office by Monday. This applies also to announcements of church services. As publication date will allow two days less for preparation of this larger issue, YOUR co-operation will be appreciated.

WIFE THOUGHT HUSBAND DEAD

London, (CP) — An unexpected reunion between husband and wife took place when Gunvor Sten, 50-year-old Norwegian housewife, arrived here after escaping from Norway in a fishing smack with her two-year-old daughter and five brothers. Her husband, believed killed when Germany invaded Norway, was waiting on the station platform to greet her.

Mayor's Edict Asks Prayers For Victory

URGES OBSERVANCE OF SABBATH AND MORE REVERENT LIVING

WOULD ALSO PUT CURB ON MATERIAL WASTE AND EXTRAVAGANCE

In view of alarming events which brought our Pacific coast nearer to the sphere of hostilities, Mayor Hector Lamarche issued a proclamation last week-end calling on all citizens for a more earnest realization of their duties, both as Christian people and as members of a democratic nation. The Mayor's edict was supported by prominent signatories including ministers of the churches, and was read on Sunday from the various pulpits. A similar proclamation in the French language, endorsed by the Catholic priests, was read in the two parish churches of Lachute. Following is the Mayor's message :

Proclamation :

To the Citizens of the Town of Lachute :

The momentous events of the last few days have further underlined the seriousness of the situation in which Canada finds itself, and the urgent necessity for all of us to rally and labor with all our might to insure a final and decisive victory.

Countless Canadians are offering their lives so that we may live: hence, it is essential that we support them with our prayers, and gladly accept further sacrifices. We shall be delinquent in our duty if we continue our peacetime expenditure on non-essentials, spending in the pursuit of useless or questionable diversions, or to procure luxuries which are not in keeping with these momentous hours through which we are passing.

I therefore most strongly urge the population of Lachute :—

1. To revere the name of God and not utter blasphemy;

2. To scrupulously observe the Lord's Day, offering fervent prayers to the Almighty beseeching Him to grant Victory to our just cause — and by abstaining from frivolous pleasures, useless spending and alcoholic beverages.

3. To refrain from organizing or attending public dances — out of respect for those who are giving their lives to protect us;

4. To save — and pledge our savings to war or charitable purposes;

5. To conserve articles of any value; the Town of Lachute will undertake to salvage and dispose of these for war purposes;

6. To resolutely consent to any sacrifice necessary or useful for the vigorous pursuit of Canada's war effort and final victory.

(Signed) HECTOR LAMARCHE
Mayor of the Town of Lachute.

The undersigned strongly recommend to their fellow-citizens faithful observance of the above proclamation.

(Rev.) H. Charlton
(Rev.) E. Orsborn
(Rev.) W. B. Rosborough
James W. McGibbon M.P. for Argenteuil
Georges H. Heon Chairman of the Citizens' Committee
Ross R. Muir
Lucien St. Jacques
Wilfrid Morissette
Armand Rochon
F. S. McGibbon
Arnold Scott
Ernest Prevost
Joseph Speight
Stanley Holt (Aldermen)

'PREFABRICATED' HOUSING BY LOCAL FIRM IS DESCRIBED IN DEMONSTRATION FILM

Shown Here Yesterday; Viewed in Montreal, Ottawa by Trade Experts

California Defence Housing Project Pictured; Record Time on Big Construction Contracts

At the Mount Royal Hotel on Tuesday evening a group representative of contractors, building supply firms, architects and others interested in housing and construction were shown color movies of a "prefabrication" contract filled by the local firm of Cottingham Supply Company at Sorel, and of similar schemes in the United States of which the Cottingham "Precision Built" idea is a Canadian development.

The same demonstration talk and illustrations were given to an interested gathering of citizens in the Rex Theatre, Lachute, yesterday afternoon prior to their presentation at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa.

The system of mass production of prefabricated housing that has proved capable of completing 977 houses in 64 days, and is now being used to provide housing for war workers at Sorel was fully outlined. The gathering was shown movies of the 64-day project, a defence housing project in California and of construction of a staff house for workers of Sorel Industries Ltd., by the Lachute contracting firm. This undertaking, it is recalled, provided 155 rooms in a structure 148 feet long with three 85 foot wings; it took seven days for fabrication of the sections; seven days for erection and was completely ready for occupancy within a total of 30 days.

Plans are now being completed for construction of 100 prefabricated houses at Sorel, which are expected to take not more than 90 days for fabrication, erection and finishing. Permanent type houses with basements and hot water heating, the dwellings will entail a unit cost below $4,000 and 12 per cent less than comparable houses of ordinary construction.

The Sorel development is being carried out by Precision Built Homes Ltd., an auxiliary of the Cottingham Supply Co., which has also erected prefabricated houses at Brownsburg. Supervising the Sorel project is F. W. Nicholls, director of housing for the Department of Finance, at the disposal of which have been placed the patents on the "precision-built" system of building.

Mr. Nicholls presided at the Montreal meeting, while F. Vaux Wilson, vice-president of the Homasote Co., which carried out the high-speed California project, spoke at the local gathering. The fibreboard material known as Homasote, chemically processed from repulped old newspapers, was the chief finishing material for both the exterior and interior of the completely prefabricated floor, wall, partition, and roof-ceiling sections used in California.

Mr. Wilson emphasized that use of his company's system in Canada did not necessarily require use of Homasote, and that it could be adapted to employ Canadian materials such as plywood, fibreboard and asbestos board. At Sorel, plywood was used for sheathing the prefabricated sections of the staff house, though Homasote with its high insulating value and durable qualities will be used in construction of the 100 houses.

Royal Neck-Chain For Free French

London (CP) — The Queen has directed that a valuable jewel, a diamond mounted on platinum with a platinum neckchain, presented to her by a Frenchwoman of Scottish descent, be auctioned and the proceeds turned over to Free French charitable organizations.

Annual Banquet Of St. Jerusalem Farmers' Club

SPEAKERS FROM OTTAWA ON MATTERS OF CONCERN TO AGRICULTURE

ANNUAL EVENT ENJOYED BY MIXED GATHERING OF AROUND 125

Members of St. Jerusalem Farmers' Club held an enjoyable session at their annual banquet, in Lachute Auditorium last Thursday evening. Members were accompanied by their wives, and including several guests a gathering of 125 sat down to the turkey supper ably furnished by ladies of the St. Jerusalem-Bethany Women's Institute.

W. T. Jackson occupied the chair and as president gave a brief report of the activities of the club since its inception in January 1917. He told of the difficulties encountered; how in 1931, due to the general depression the Farmers' Club had been too liberal in extending credit, and had now decided to conduct their business on a strictly cash basis. This was a new innovation and the directors all felt convinced it would be of greater benefit.

The chairman then called upon James W. McGibbon, federal Member of Parliament, who while congratulating the organization upon their work in developing a feed business in the interest of the farmers — which he thought was a good thing in itself — yet he felt it would be wiser if there were a spirit of greater co-ordination among the farmers of the community, in which the varied clubs might get together and solve their problems collectively.

Introduced by Alex Bothwell, conuty Agronomist, Mr. Hare of Ottawa spoke at length, urging the farmers to change their antiquated methods of farming. Today farming is a business, he said, and can be made profitable if one conducts it as such, instead of the old barter business wherein one used to produce a great variety of products and lived off the farm.

Miss Pepper of the consumers' section of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, gave on interesting talk on her work, food values in the home, vitamins, and the help of the farmers' wives in their many problems.

An informal program included community singing, selections by J. Heatlie with guitar accompaniment, harmonica numbers by Albert Stewart, and brief addresses from Mayor Hadley of St. Jerusalem and W. D. Stewart of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Thanks to those who had contributed to the evening's enjoyment were extended by Melville Smith, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close with the national anthem.

"We have passed through the darkest and most perilous period and are once more masters of our own destiny."

—Winston Churchill.

PUBLIC URGED GIVE TROOPS RIGHT OF WAY ON PHONE LINES CHRISTMAS DAY

IN OTHER WORDS, SAY YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETING EARLY ON LONG DISTANCE CIRCUITS

Men in barracks telephoning home will swell the usual flood of long distance greetings this Christmas, and all records for the volume of calls placed in a single day will be broken on December 25, according to Bell Telephone Company officials.

As a result, there are bound to be delays in obtaining connections, and subscribers are advised to avoid the rush by calling over the coming week-end, if possible. By so doing, they will not only help their own service, but will give Canada's war effort the right of way on Christmas Day.

The longest delays on Christmas Day are experienced on Trans-Canada calls. On a normal day, the operator here advances a call to, say, Victoria, through Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver until it is completed. The operation will take only a few minutes on the average call.

On Christmas Day, however, with every circuit on the continent in almost continuous use, delays may be encountered at each point along the route. There may be a delay of two hours or more before the Montreal operator gets through to Winnipeg. Similarly, there may be delays between Winnipeg and Vancouver, and between Vancouver and Victoria. Only after hours of delay could the full transcontinental connection be completed in those circumstances.

Even in normal times, it just isn't possible to handle the immense volume of calls placed on Christmas Day. So many calls come in within a few hours that tie-ups are inevitable. This year, the wartime growth in the volume of out-of-town messages has brought into daily service all of the spare facilities available for holiday use in former years.

Every available Bell operator — a total staff of 3,500 — will be on duty over Yuletide throughout Quebec and Ontario. Engineers and equipment men will also forego the family turkey to arrange for the greatest number of channels to the points most frequently called as these vary from hour to hour.

This is the situation in Montreal, through which all Trans-Canada calls from this community will pass. On a normal day, about 10,000 out-of-town calls are placed by Montrealers. On Christmas Day last year, 10,500 calls were placed. This year more than 12,500 calls are expected to originate in Montreal on Christmas Day—over 1,100 in the peak hour between 11 a.m. and 12 noon.

Some 300 experienced long distance operators are required to handle the difficult Christmas traffic in Montreal as compared with a staff of 200 operators on the average day in December. The total operating staff — local as well as long distance — who will be on duty over the holiday in the various telephone centres throughout Montreal will be 520.

Special arrangements have been made for a large staff of clerical employees to take down the details of out-of-town calls when all the operators are busy. This will permit every caller to obtain his connection in his proper turn and will enable some estimate of the length of delays on various calls.Subscribers will be advised of the progress of their calls from time to time.

Voice channels out of Montreal now total 623. For the Christmas rush, there will be available 40 circuits to Toronto, 39 to Ottawa, 24 to New York, 22 to Quebec, 14 to Sherbrooke, 9 to Trois Rivieres, 6 to Saint John, N.B., 4 to Halifax, and 3 to Winnipeg. These are the centres most freequently called from Montreal, and calls to points beyond pass through them.

EVEN SHIP'S COOK HERO THESE TIMES

Master and Crew of Coastal Vessel Cited for Heriosm

London, Dec 8 (CP) — Heroism of the master and two of the crew members of a small coastal vessel attacked by enemy aircraft was described in the report turned in by the chief officer, senior survivor of the bombing.

"I cannot speak too highly of the master," the report said. "He had no protection where he stood on the bridge outside the wheel-house to watch the aircraft and twice he swung the ship to avoid the bombs. Even after being shot in the stomach he continued at his post until he was killed by a bomb.

"Another grand fellow was the bos'n, a cockney. The help he gave and his cheerfulness were magnificent. He was shot through the thigh, but he continued to help with the wounded as though he were unhurt. He worked like a slave when he picked up survivors. There was nothing he jibbed at doing.

"One other man I should like to mention is the chief cook. The enemy's bullets were directed at such an angle that they were flying through the alleyway. The cook knew this, and when he saw the chief steward coming out of his room into danger he threw himself in front of him to push him back, thereby being killed himself, but saving the life of the steward."

SAND IN COFFINS

Liverpool (CP) — To spare relatives "further suffering" undertakers here placed sand in two coffins in place of bodies presumably buried in a communal grave after a Nazi air raid. Charged in the assizes with "false burial entry" the undertakers were released on payment of costs, the judge saying it was a "slip-up" rather than an intentional offence.

OUR FOOD SUPPLY

WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR C.W.N.A. NEWSPAPERS
By JOHN ATKINS, Farmer-Journalist

No. 10 WHEN NEIGHBORS ARE LOST

The loss of good neighbors is one of the greatest losses a farm family can suffer. Beyond the family circle there is nothing that means so much as the neighboring families whose friendship makes life rich and whose co-operation makes farming possible.

Farm people are almost fiercely independent. They have a strict regard for individuality. They follow an unwritten code that respects the rights of others and safeguards their own. Within this code, they are the most generous, kindly and co-operative people. Long experience has taught them that they must avoid imposition upon each other but they also have learned not to lose any opportunity to help where help is needed. They live in independence and in interdependence, preserving the good of each.

Upon the firm foundation of their code they have built friendships between and among families that have lasted for generations; friendships of a quality that can be grown only in the soil of rural communities. There is no measuring the depth of regard for each other that exists among those who have lived and shared the cares and joys, the failures and successes of farm life.

In the rural communities of Canada almost all of the farm families are good neighbors. Observe how happily they greet each other wherever the meet; how greatly they enjoy getting together socially, at church, at picnics, and on the streets of their trading towns.

Up until twenty years ago farm families spent their lives with their friends on neighboring farms. When the elders died, younger members of the families succeeded them, continuing and strengthening the ties that bound the families together. The young people who left the farms had a firm attachment to the old homesteads and a lifelong interest in the old neighbors who never lost interest in them.

Times changed for the worse in rural Canada. Only twice in the past twenty years have farm prices and farm earnings been in fair relation to city prices and city earnings. The farms which rewarded toil and skill and thrift with good living, education, and happy community life, ceased to be profitable.

It became almost impossible for young people to buy out their elders and make payments that would permit the old folks to retire in modest comfort. Farm values declined. The money needed for upkeep and repair could not be recovered. City earnings doubled while farm earnings were halved. Young people left the farms and the old people tried to carry on. Families left the farms and often no families replaced them. Many farms were abandoned, as any motorist may see.

When the neighbors moved away, personal losses that cannot be reckoned were suffered by those who remained. The losses that could be counted were bad enough. Schools emptied; some were closed. Municipal improvements increased in cost, with fewer to pay. Goods and services increased in cost, with less to buy with. Farm prices lagged behind. Even now, in wartime, the trek from low farm earnings to high city earnings continues, until the production of needed food is threatened.

The problem of the loss of neighbors and producers in the rural areas is a grave concern to all Canadians who realize that a fundamental of Canadian well-being is the production of food for a world that has never been well fed. The food supply for present needs and Canada's future prosperity depends upon a solution of Canada's agricultural problem. The tragedy of the neighborless farm family may become the tragedy of food shortages in neighboring towns and cities, in Britain, and in allied countries.

Santa Brings Telephone Calls, Too !



This comparison gives some idea of the big increase in long distance telephone calls which takes place on Christmas Day. The piles are made up of the tickets on which the details of out-of-town calls are recorded by the operators. The smaller pile represents the average day's business on the long distance lines. The pile to which the operators are pointing represents the Caristmas traffic rush. All these calls, many for far-off places, pour in within a few hours at Yuletide. Since there just aren't enough circuits to go around, calls may be delayed for considerable periods on Christmas Day.

BARS DOWN FOR DOCTORS

London (CP) — A new defence regulation provides that a foreign doctor with a foreign diploma and debarred from practising in his own country by racial legislation, may be given the right to practise temporarily in Britain.

LABORER'S WAGES

London (CP) — Things are picking up for laborers these days. A bricklayer's hod-carrier made £12, 10s ($56.80) in a regular week on a government (Admiralty) job.

MORE CANADIAN CHEESE

London (CP) — Cheese — much of it from Canada — is now a subsidiary instead of a main dish in restaurants, which means Britons can have cheese in addition to meat, poultry or fish at one meal.

HYBRIDS FIGHT SOIL DRIFTING

Ottawa Experts Cross Grass and Wheat to Keep the Good Earth in Place

Ottawa, Dec. 9 (CP)—Agriculture department experts seem to be getting somewhere in their efforts to develop a large-seeded perennial grass which can be used satisfactorily on the prairies to put plant fibre back into the soil and thus help control soil drifting.

An official statement said the division of forage plants in Ottawa has produced more than 140 fertile hybrids — crosses between perennial grasses and wheat — and others have been produced by the National Research Council and the Dominion Forage Crops Laboratory in Saskatoon.

"Seeds of these new productions is being produced as rapidly as possible in order that tests may be laid down on various experimental farms throughout Canada, with a view to determining the forage value of the different hybrids under various soil and climatic conditions," the statement said. It was emphasized that "no seed will be available for general distribution until these preliminary tests have been completed."

The statement said years of continuous grain growing in some sections of Canada had destroyed the soil-binding fibre which was in the ground when the natural grass was first turned under.

"There are many who believe that the only permanent cure for soil drifting is to put the fibre back into these soils," it said. "How can it be done? the answer is grass." During the last few years thousands of acres of abandoned land had been sown to crested wheat grass under the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation program. In addition, many farmers were making regular seedings of this hardy perennial grass as part of their crop rotation.

There was no doubt of the value of this grass but it had small seeds which must be sown close to the surface or the young plants would not emerge.

"Hence the demand arose for a large-seeded perennial grass," the statement said, "one which could be safely sown to a depth of three inches or more, and which would ensure getting the seeds into moist soil even under dry conditions".

The forage plants division started to breed such a grass in 1935. Russian scientists previously had succeeded in crossing wheat with certain perennial grasses. Most of the hybrids produced in Canada were sterile but methods had been found to bring about fertility in some of them and the next step is to lay down test plots.

"If the Germans want a war of destruction, they will certainly get it". —Josef Stalin.

Quebec to Amend the Insurance Law Next Session, Says Godbout

Quebec Government plans to amend the insurance law governing husbands and parents so that the person insured and the beneficiary may make use of the privileges outlined in the insurance policy, Premier Godbout has announced.

"The Government, at the next session of the Legislature", the Premier said, "will submit an act to amend the insurance law of husbands and parents so as to permit the person insured and the beneficiary to make use of the privileges outlined in the policy". The act, he said "will assure them the right to borrow and to make use of their savings in other ways." ways".

The Government decided to make the change, the Premier said, after the Court of Appeals ruled recently that an insurance company should pay the amount of a policy notwithstanding a loan made on it with the consent of the wife of the insured person, who was the beneficiary.

"A large number of insured persons in the province have put a large part of their savings in insurance for their wives, and, as a consequence of this judgment, have seen themselves deprived of the right to borrow on their policies".

A committee, appointed by the Government to study the present law, expressed belief that amendments should be drawn up "to remedy the situation."

The suggestions of patriotic, social, philanthropic and other societies were taken into consideration by the committee during its studies, the Premier said.

The amendments the Government will propose, he said, will allow the borrowing on policies. However, "no loans may be made on a policy of which the wife is the beneficiary without her consent.

"The amendments will regulate the transactions made to date in this manner.

"This legislation will not change anything concerning the policies given to the wife by contract of marriage, because the insurance law governing husbands and parents does not apply to these policies."

All "Carry On" But Some Are Killed

An obscure item in the London Times, sent to the Queen's Canadian Fund by its London representative, tells a big story.

"Over 100 members of the railway staffs have been awarded the George Medal, British Empire Medal, or some other decoration, by the King. A total of 280 railwaymen lost their lives, and 1,500 others were injured by enemy action while carrying on their duties".

The Queen's Fund representative points out that this underlines the fact that hundreds of thousands of people in all walks of life must "carry on" like the railwaymen in spite of raids. They do not hesitate to do their work in danger; but when they are killed or injured the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund must step in to aid.

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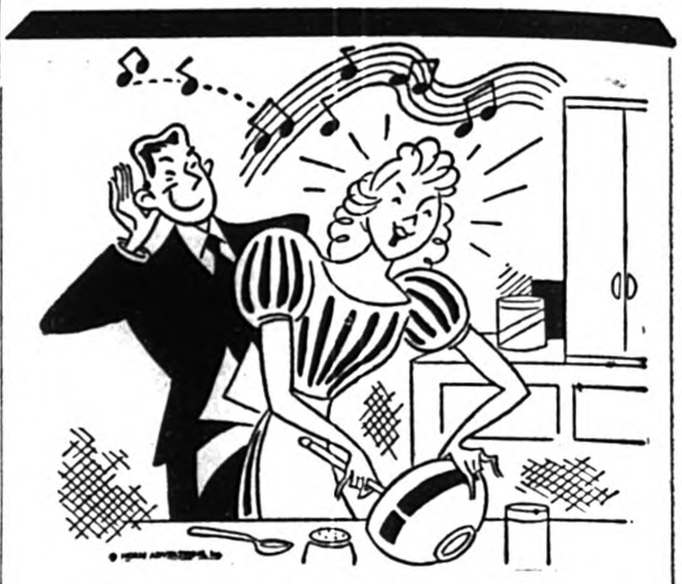
(By Mail)

London — Rubber dinghies carried by air crews of the R.A.F. in a pack measuring 15 inches by 3 inches are one of the contributions to Britons's war effort made by United Kingdom manufacturers of corsets, silk stockings, macintoshes and so on. Like the carbon dioxide gas used for inflating the dinghies, which normally goes overseas in millions of bottles of Britain's famous table waters,, most of the goods normally produced by these companies are known to shoppers in all parts of the world.

These rubber dinghies have already saved many lives, for in cold weather airmen wearing the "Mae West" jacket who came down in the sea could not expect to survive half-an-hours's immersion. Now, however, even a 400 lb. man can sit in his dinghy, stop leaks from a pin prick to a cannonm shell hole, propel it with a pair of rubber hand-paddles (made by people who usually turn out ladies' underwear), light signal flares (supplied by firework manufacturers) and sustain himself with emergency rations supplied by makers of dainty boxes of chocolate.

INDIA'S FIRST V.C.

Bombay (CP) — Lt. Premindra Singh Bhagat, Indian Engineers, and first Indian V.C. in the present war, has recovered from wounds suffered in "for valor" action in the Middle East.



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Army Is Salvage-Minded

Not a button, a buckle, strap or hook that can be salvaged and used again is discarded from worn out Army uniforms. Any that cannot be used again are turned in for manufacture of new articles.

"Waste Not — Want Not", is the motto of the Returned Stores Group attached to each Ordnance Depot in the military districts across Canada under the direction of Lieut-Col. W. G. B. Dailley, Chairman of the Army Salvage and Disposal Board at Ottawa.

It is the duty of this group to recondition or dispose of every item of clothing and equipment returned by the troops as unfit for further use. Hundreds of thousands of articles are handled each month. The majority are repaired in workshops, mended by skilled women, dry cleaned or washed, sorted and sized and made available for re-issue to the troops.

Anything that remains is sold as scrap material and finds its way back into the hands of the manufacturer. Nothing is wasted. The threatened shortage of raw material caused by interrupted shipping is bolstered by a regular supply of scrap from the Army. But nothing is sold without first being examined by Officers in charge of Ordnance textile work shops, and by other Army experts to make certain that every avenue of use is considered and tried. Ancient vehicles, tools and weapons are supplied to Army Training Schools and used to instruct young soldiers in the multitude of crafts and trades necessary to keep a modern Army in the field.

A further economic move is a program of education being undertaken to impress the soldier with taking greater care of his clothing and equipment. The Army like civilian population is salvage-minded as never before.

Philippines in History

The spread of the war to the Far East has placed the island group of the Philippines in the centre of events. These islands were Spanish by discovery and remained Spanish until the treaty ending the Spanish-American War when the United States took them over.

Luzon Island is 40,814 square miles in area and is the largest of the group. It was on this island that the Japanese effected a landing recently. Manilla the capital of the Philippines is also on this island.

The United States has had control of the Philippines since December 10, 1898. The group of islands known as the Philippines lies in the tropics. There are 7,083 islands extending 1,150 miles from north to south and 682 miles from east to west. Of this number, many are only pin-points on even small maps, but 462 have an area of a square mile or over. Those named are 2,441 while 4,642 are unnamed.

The Philippines, the largest of the groups in the Malay Archipelago, were discovered first by Magellan in 1521, conquered by the Spanish in 1565 and ceded to the United States in 1898.

The largest of the islands in the group are Luzon, 40,814 square miles; Mindanao, 36,906 square miles; Palawan, 4,500 square miles; Bohol, 1,554 square miles; Masbale, 1,255 square miles; and Cebu, 1,695 square miles.

In the islands there are eight distinct languages and 87 dialects spoken by the natives. About four million of the people understand or read English. About two-thirds of the inhabitants are Roman Catholics and about four million belong to the independent Catholic Church, which was organized by a Philipino priest, Father Gregorio Agilpay, in 1899, during an insurrection. There are also about five hundred thousand Moslems and another five thousand pagans.

The largest cities and their populations are: Manilla 623,362, Cebu 142,912, Zamboanga 131,729, Davac 95,444, Iloilo, 88,203, Bacolod 57,703, and Baguio 24,122.

The Builders

Isn't it strange that princes and kings
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
And common folks like you and me
Are builders for eternity?
Each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass, a book of rules;
And each must make, ere life is flown,
A stumbling block or a stepping stone.

—R. L. Sharpe

Tribute to Ontario Editor

David Williams, veteran editor of the Collingwood (Ont.) Enterprise-Bulletin, former president of the Canadian Newspaper Association, honorary president of the Ontario Hospitals Association and founder of the Huron Institute, was made a Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, at a special convocation of the University of Toronto last Monday evening.

To mark this honor to "Dave" who was for many years a director of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association and the charter president of the Ontario-Quebec division, Ontario members of the association tendered him a luncheon in Toronto the same day.

Since the announcement that the degree would be conferred many Canadian newspapers, daily and weekly, have expressed their pride and satisfaction at the University's action. The Bowanville Statesman added it was "recognition of the growing influence and prestige of the weekly press in the life of the nation." The Watchman adds its congratulations to the many sentiments already conveyed to Mr. Williams.

Once Again — It's "Christmas"

Some people, of whom we are one, get hot under the collar whenever they see the abbreviation "Xmas" for "Christmas" but this does not prevent a vast number of people from resorting to the incorrect shortened form at this season of the year.

To so abbreviate the anniversary of the birth of Our Lord shows lack of respect. After all, one would not merely write the letter "X" for "Christ" so it is difficult to understand why the same person will knowingly use the abbreviated form.

So far no one has undertaken to boycott merchants who insist on inserting the words "Xmas" in their pre-holiday advertisements but this is no indication that the people who resent the improper usage of the word do not subconsciously avoid the store of the offending merchant.

It is not a difficult task to write "Christmas" when consideration is given the true import of the meaning, so this Christmas let it be "Christmas" and not "Xmas."

—Kincardine News

A Place to Park

I'm just one of those country hicks,
Who come from away out in the sticks
To voice my woe and make a plea
For all the other boobs like me.
We work like heck six days a week,
And when we're done we like to streak
To our home town to buy our eats
And meet our neighbors on the streets,
We can't take off no working day,
And if we do, there's hell to pay;
You folks in town don't do that way,
You do your buying every day.
And that's why I don't think it's right
To hog the streets on Farmers' Night.
You've got your cars parked on the street,
Before we hicks sit down to eat;
Then we must slop hogs and feed sows
Coax all the juice from bossy cows;
Pick up the eggs, coop up the hen;
Shave off the whiskers (if we're men)
Dress in overalls and calico—
Since wheat has gone so gosh-danged low—
Crank up the flivver, give her juice,
Then start for town . . . but what's the use?
The streets are lined far up and down
With cars of folks who live in town;
Who seem to think it's quite a treat,
To see the "rubes" stagger up the street,
With butter jars and eggs and cream;
But say, it takes a lot of steam
To lug that stuff six blocks or more;
You walk until your feet get sore;
Your shoulders ache, you're seeing red,
You wish that you were home in bed;
And then you spy that yellow paint
That's put just where the autos ain't;
There's two cars where there should be three.
They've straddled that there mark you see.
It's our town too, so please be fair;
We want to spend our nickels there.
You've watched us long enough to see—
We need a parking place, by gee!

—Bracebridge Gazette

War -- Twenty-five Years Ago

By H. H. GORDON, Canadian Press Staff Writer

RESUMPTION OF OFFENSIVE IN THE MIDDLE EAST BRITISH COLUMNS ADVANCED AGAINST TURKS

Anxious to restore prestige that had suffered considerably through the failure of the campaign in Mesopotamia earlier in the year, British forces in the Middle East 25 years ago resumed operations with the coming of cooler weather.

Following the surrender of Sir Charles Townshend and his half-starved garrison at Kut-el-Amara April 29, 1916, the British force on the River Tigris had been reorganized and Sir Stanley Maude placed in command. Throughout the summer and the cooler days of autumn arrangements for advances on Baghdad and other points were perfected.

The Allies realized the necessity of keeping Turkish armies from the Balkans if the campaign in that theatre of war was to be successful. First indication of British activity came in the Sina Peninsula at the northern tip of the Red Sea. During October and November a British desert column had been edging toward El Arish, important Turkish position which dominated the water supplies of the area.

Turks Evaded Battle

But the Turks did not await the attack on El Arish and on the night of Dec. 20, 1916 the British entered a deserted town. It had been in Turkish hands for two years. Less than a month later, Rafa, last Turkish stronghold in the Sinai Desert, was captured.

Preparations on the Tigris were completed early in December. The Anglo-Indian line of communications had been greatly strengthened and a large amount of heavy artillery accumulated. When Gen. Maude resumed the offensive he commanded a force four times as large as that under Townshend which had been compelled to retreat when almost within sight of Baghdad.

For a time the British advanced steadily. Sanna-i-yat was first bombarded and by Dec. 16 Maude was only a few miles from Kut-el-Amara. The Turks held strongly fortified positions there until February. Bagdad fell to the advancing British early in March.

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LONDON IN THE BLACKOUT AMAZINGLY BLACK AND QUIET, EDITOR'S IMPRESSION

(Continued from page 1)

I thought to myself: "This is exactly what I expected to see: it looks just like the pictures."

In the next block, another house had been hit. It wasn't as thoroughly destroyed. One side wall remained and up it at irregular intervals were the fireplaces which had once supplied a bit of heat to its rooms. Part of the floor of one upstairs room hung in the air, with a bed on it.

Again there was that feeling that this is just what I had expected. It remained while we drove down a long street, with half a dozen houses missing at more or less regular intervals. After that my feelings began to change. Perhaps it was the ruined churches. Several of them had nothing left but blackened walls. On the main business street, many stores were without windows; others were hollow shells.

It made me angry before long. This wanton damage seemed so senseless. Obviously, military targets had not been hit or they had been repaired so quickly that the effect was slight. It was the houses that had suffered most, and the churches.

The train to London was crowded, but the six of us got a compartment to ourselves. On the wall was a detailed map of the railway line. I thought of the girl in the censor's office and my map. But I never saw another one on a British train. Most of the railway stations have had the names obliterated or the signs torn down in the hope that invaders might get lost.

London in the Blackout

The train was about half-way to London when blackout time arrived at about half past six. The guard came in and pulled down heavy blinds over all the windows and doors. Even the door out into the corridor had a blind on it. It was the first hint that there is nothing half-hearted about the British blackout. It's black.

Inside the railway carriage, two dim lights kept the compartment in a state of semi-darkness. One was a white light, set high up in a deep funnel in the roof. The other light more exposed, was blue and did not give enough light to make it possible to read a newspaper.

Of all the first impressions, none is more vivid than that of my arrival in London in the blackout. There was some doubt about whether the train had reached Paddington station or not but everybody seemed to be getting out. One of the editors opened the door. There wasn't a thing to be seen except three scattered blue bulbs in a ceiling high overhead. Moving shapes came past the door and one of them answered the question: "Is this Paddington?" with a short, "Yes, sir."

Nobody who hasn't been there will ever believe how dark London can be in the blackout at the time of the new moon. Three blue bulbs really give no light at all; they just intensify the darkness. And London was not only dark, but quiet as well. This didn t seem like a railway station. Outside, not a light allowed in the city.

Somehow, our hosts from the British Council found us, and they knew what to do. In a few moments, they had a porter hunting for a taxicab. Where we went, I'll never know, but he came back with two, and in the light of later experience, that was something of an achievement.

Our taxi driver was old and his cab was ancient. Four persons and their luggage seemed like too much of a load, but we entrusted ourselves to him, hoping he knew what to do.

The only outdoor lights in London are the traffic signals and the shelter signs. Even the traffic lights are covered, except a tiny cross in the centre. The shelter signs have only a dim "S" showing on them.

An Uncanny Quietness

The feeling persisted that this could not possibly be the world's largest city. Sometimes the taxi would stop and a bus or some more taxis would go across the intersection. Each had one dim headlight, fitted with shutters so that it threw a circle of semi-darkness on the pavement. The windows of the buses were covered. They were just dim outlines as they passed.

The tiny red cross at the corner would disappear and be replaced by a green one and the driver would start up again. Some of the editors, familiar with London in the past, asked him questions about the localities. Only once, at the corner of Hyde Park, did one of them guess correctly.

I am told that London in normal times is noisy at night, though not so bad as New York. In the blackout, it is quiet. There seem to be no private cars. Taxi and bus drivers must find their way largely by instinct.

The cab stopped under some kind of roof. A man with a tiny pocket flashlight helped us out and called for someone to take the bags. We passed one by one through a revolving door and emerged suddenly into the bright light of a hotel lobby.

There was something familiar about the place. The feeling persisted even after I had been taken to my room and had looked into the bathroom with its Roman bath and Royal Doulton fixtures, reminders of past splendor. Then I remembered I had seen this famous hotel in moving pictures long ago.

Bomb Damage in London

The next morning, I saw London for the first time. Our hosts from the British Council came around in an old car and drove us around the central part of the city, particularly that part of Old London which had been destroyed by the Great Fire in 1666 and rebuilt better than it had been. Now it has been destroyed again.

East of St. Paul's Cathedral and north of Fleet Street, there is an area of almost a square mile with hardly a building standing. Perhaps you have seen that remarkable photograph which shows the great dome of St. Paul's standing up above a mass of smoke and flames, while in the foreground the walls of ruined houses are silhouetted against the fire. I had wondered sometimes if that photograph was not faked. In a room of the Press Club in London, I saw the original. Walking through the ruins of the old City of London, it is still easy to picture that terrible night.

Many of the walls which stood up in that blackened area since the big blitz last December have been torn down by demolition squads. Where there are basements, they have been cemented and turned into reservoirs for fighting future fires. This was an area of office buildings and publishing houses, with a number of fine old churches and some of the most famous administrative buildings. It was burned in a concentrated blitz one weekend before the Londoners had learned how to fight the incendiary bomb. I don't think it could ever happen again. An incendiary bomb is small and light. A large bombing plane might carry a thousand of them. They are showered down by hundreds and are just heavy enough to go through a slate roof. It is two minutes or so before they burst into flame. Every second counts. The incendiary bomb can be conquered in the first two or three minutes. After that, it takes the fire brigade to do anything about it.

Strangely enough, the things that touch the heart of the observer in desolate areas like this are the small things. In ruined houses, it is dolls or other toys lying around; in former office buildings, it is battered typewriters piled up, a dozen or so together, or some other evidence of the normal life that was once carried on there.

Yet even in the midst of this desolation, I had the feeling that the German bombers had failed. They had not even tried to hit military targets. It is thought they tried to wipe out the whole of London's fire-fighting apparatus. They didn't succeed. The fire brigades were massed in that small area and more bombers came over, dropping high explosive bombs. Suddenly they stopped coming. It is said that a mist arose back over the Channel and it was feared they could not return safely. Whether that was the reason or not, London's fire fighters escaped to fight another day.

Seeing other parts of London later, I felt again and again that the German bombers had failed. They destroyed thousands of houses and stores and offices and dozens of churches. They did get many factories along the Thames. But they not only failed to frighten the British people; they also missed many of the most tempting targets.

For instance every bridge over the Thames is in operation. It is said not one has been hit though thousands of bombs have gone into the water in an attempt to cut traffic. There are temporary bridges which can be quickly finished if any bridge is destroyed. They have never been needed.

I wandered through the dock area near Tower Bridge one day. The little houses in the East End have taken a bad punishment. In two places, I saw vacant lots piled high with bricks that must have come from hundreds of houses. But the docks were still in operation as usual with convoys going out the Thames. It was obvious that Tower Bridge had never been hit. The Tower of London has lost only a corner of one small bastion.

There hasn't been any bombing in London lately. It is now five months since the last bombs have fallen on the capital. Only once while I was in London did an enemy plane ever come near the city. From the roof of a newspaper office, I watched the flashes of the anti-aircraft guns away to the east. The German never got through.

There was bombing going on all that time, but it was around the coasts of Britain. I came through a bombing one night in Bournemouth, and will tell of it in a later story But conditions have obviously changed. The Germans no longer have superiority in the air. Defences are stronger. It doesn't seem likely that the British will be "blitzed' again as they were last winter; actual invasion seems impossible.



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DISTRICT NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

MABEL

Mrs. Raymond Warwick attended the shower in honor of Miss Sybil Wert, at the home of Mrs. Lorne Wert, Brownsburg, on Monday evening.

Miss Catherine Murdoch spent a few days of last week in Montreal.

Miss Annie Black, of Montreal, spent Friday of last week at the home of her mother, Mrs. R. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb MacDonald and children, of Lakefield, visited Mr. and Mrs. James Murdoch on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Griffith and children, also Mr. Ross Warwick, of Lachute, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Warwick last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Black were Sunday guests of Mr. David Black, East Settlement, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. MacKenzie and children, of Lachute, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Heatlie.

CALUMET

Miss Elsie Brigden spent the week-end in Montreal.

Among those who were entertained at a tea on Saturday afternoon by Mrs. H. Lessard of Grenville were the following — Mrs. R. McGibbon, Mrs. L. G. Martin, Mrs. W. E. Brigden, Mrs. T. G. Foreman, Mrs. R. C. Whinfield, Mrs. M. R. Robinson, Miss Lynne Brigden and Miss Janet Brigden.

Mrs. L. Jorgensen is spending a few days in Ottawa.

Miss Ann Hoare is at present in Montreal and will remain for a few days.

Mrs. T. G. Foreman and Mrs. C. G. Foreman entertained at a joint tea on Thursday afternoon at the former's home, in aid of Trinity Anglican Church. Fancy work was sold, the table being in charge of Mrs. L. G. Martin. Total proceeds amounted to $16.

Miss Eunice Seale spent the week-end visiting friends in Montreal.

Mrs. C. G. Foreman, little Miss Penny Foreman and Master David Foreman were in Montreal for the week-end.

LAKEFIELD

Mr. Thomas McCambly spent a few days in Montreal last week visiting friends.

GRENVILLE

Christmas service will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. McCullough, Grenville Bay, on Tuesday evening, December 23, conducted by the Rev. J. R. Simpson, of Brownsburg. There will be special Christmas music and carols.

Mr. Victor Gaudry went to Ottawa on Sunday and on Tuesday on account of Mrs. Gaudry's illness at the City Hospital. He was the guest of Mr. R. Y. Lyon and family while in Ottawa.

Mrs. Lorne Cooke is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bowden and other relatives in Montreal.

Grenville Village School will present a concert on Friday night, December 19. The children are now busily rehearsing.

ST. ANDREWS EAST

Mrs. W. J. Pitcairn made a brief stay at her home last week.

Mrs. M. K. Baker occupied her home here during last week.

The W.A. of Christ Church are grateful to all whose efforts contributed to the success of their recent tea and sale — especially to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Burry for the use of their home and to Mr. Horace Davis for his fine posters.

Miss Freda Wales, of Montreal, was the guest of her father, Mr. C. S. Wales, for the week-end.

The Misses Walsh went to Montreal on Monday, to reside there for the winter months.

Mrs. L. Bezanson, of Montreal, spent the week-end with friends here.

The pupils of Grades IV and V have forwarded $30.70 to Junior Red Cross headquarters. This was the result of a sale of pupils' work and other activities.

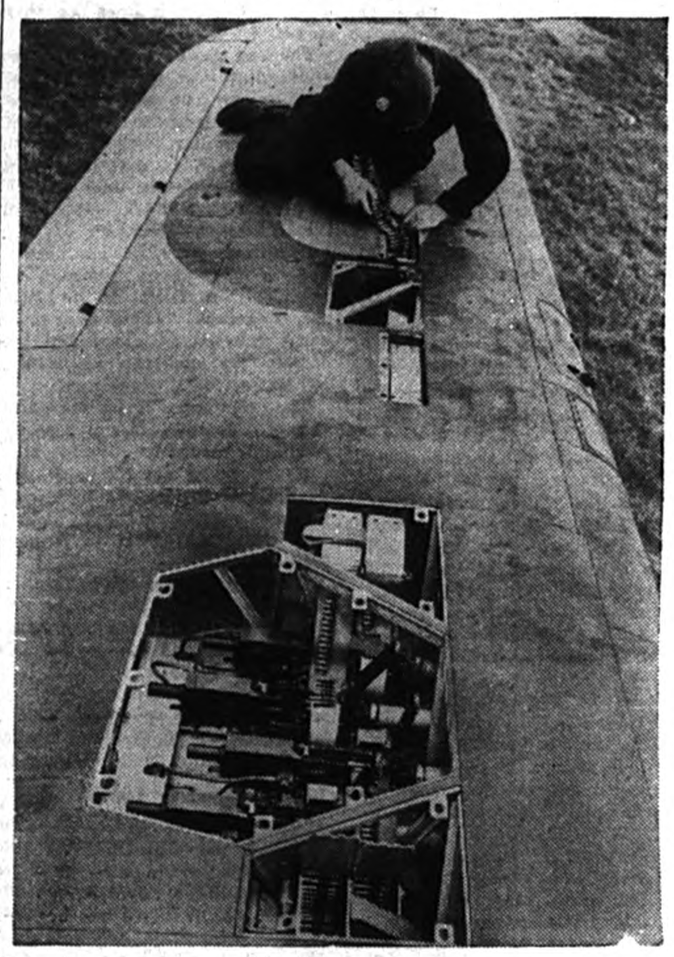
The Christmas festival of the combined Sunday Schools will be held in the town hall at 7.30 p.m. Friday evening, December 19. Children are admitted free; adults 25c.

BROWNSBURG

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Tomalty, accompanied by Mrs. Phil Cumbers, have returned from a motor trip to Toronto, Hamilton and Niagara Falls.

The Brownsburg Women's Institute held their monthly meeting on Thursday, December 4, at the home of Mrs. Wyman McGibbon. The roll-call was answered with a donation of cookies and cakes for the Military Hospital, Ste. Anne de Bellevue. Mrs. Vandervalk, the speaker, dealt with Christmas customs in other lands. A donation of $5 was sent to the Children's Memorial Hospital, a box of chocolates to Ste. Agathe to a former resident of Brownsburg; $5 was also donated to the County Scholarship fund, and money was sent to Scotland to purchase seeds.

New British Fighter Planes Have Terrific Gunpower



Looking down on the wing of the new British "Hurricane II", with parts of the fabric cover removed to show the machine-gun mechanism and the bullet feed. This aircraft carries 12 machine guns (6 in each wing) as compared with the 8 machine guns of its famous predecessor, the Hurricane I, which played so vital a part in the defeat of the Luftwaffe in the Battle of Britain last year. Another version of the Hurricane II carries four 20 m.m. cannon, and these new machines are fitted with engines and superchargers that give them a better rate of climb, better ceiling and higher maximum speed than the Hurricane I.

"A & P" STAFF WILL SHARE IN $1,500,000

Additional compensation totalling $1,500,000 to be paid before Christmas has been voted to employees of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, it was announced by John A. Hartford, president.

L. W. Beebe, general manager of the Canadian company, announced that all Canadian employees with six months or more service, including part time workers, will participate in the cash distribution.

Similar compensation was voted the company's employees last year.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Births, Marriages, Deaths, In Memoriam, etc., 50 cents each insertion; 5c a line extra for verse with In Memoriam.

BIRTH

DAVID — At the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, on December 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex M. David, of St. Jerome (Formerly of Lachute) — a son.

DEATH

DAWSON — At White House, Mille Isles, on December 8, 1941, Charles Dawson, son of the late Thomas Dawson, in his 86th year.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

DEWAR — Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dewar and daughters wish to thank all kind friends and relatives, also Fraser's fellow-workers at the Mine, for kindness shown in their recent bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM

NEILL — In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother, Mrs. John Neill, who departed this life December 22, 1940. — Ever remembered by her children and grandchildren.

GORDON — In loving memory of my dear husband, William A. Gordon, who passed away December 13, 1939. — Ever remembered by his wife, Bessie.

COPELAND — In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Anthony, who passed away December 17, 1935. — Ever remembered by his wife and family.

"Beautiful memories are all that remain."

BARKER — In loving memory of Mother, who passed away December 18, 1937. — Ever remembered by Fred and Hilda.

If all the world were ours to give,
We'd give it, yes and more,
If we could only see your face
And clasp your hand once more.

Prisoners in Germany Seek Oxford Degrees, Studying by Mail

Stalag Prisoners Work for English Honors

(By Mail)

London — British prisoners of war in Germany are working for honors degrees at London University.

In all, 1,832 Britishers there are now preparing for their return to civil life as engineers, accountants, geologists, book-keepers, poultry raisers and for other careers. They are studying French, German, Chinese, Japanese, even Provencal philology.

This unique educational departure has been made possible by a feat in organization working from the New Bodleian Library, Oxford, where Miss Ethel Herdman, M.A., of the Red Cross Book Department, is arranging these and similar courses of study for our prisoners of war. In a long room lined with tables are the sections for each prison camp to which material for study is sent and from which letters have arrived asking for vocational, cultural or educational advice.. Engineering is the most popular subject, then modern languages. Wireless is very popular, too, but books on it have been prohibited.

In addition to the arrangements made for prisoners by London University to work for honors degrees, many trade and craft institutes are co-operating with Oxford — the College of Estate Management, Pitman's College, the Gordon College, Aberdeen, the grocers and others.

The plan is run through the Camp Leaders who act as general administrators and the work is arranged to enable prisoners to advance towards specific examinations when the war is over and they all come home.

IN MEMORIAM

PERKS — In loving and tender memory of our daughter and sister, Beatrice Mable Perks, who departed from this life December 19, 1937. — Inserted by the Family.

Gone from this earth so swiftly,
Plucked like a flower in bloom,
So young, so fair, so happy,
Yet called away so soon.
In the city of light on a hill far away,
Where the sun never sets, nor the flowers decay,
She has gone to her rest, free from sorrow and pain,
Where in God's own time we shall meet her again.

NEILL — In loving memory of Mother, Mrs. John Neill, who departed this life December 22, 1940. — Ever remembered by George and Nellie.

BARKER — In loving memory of Mother, who passed away December 18, 1937. — Ever remembered by Myrtle and Victor.

You are not forgotten, Mother
Nor will you ever be,
As long as life and memory last,
We will remember thee.

RED CROSS REPORT OF WORK DONE AT BROWNSBURG

Brownsburg — During October and November the following articles were completed and shipped to Red Cross headquarters — 2 prs. socks, 31 prs. mitts, 6 prs. gloves, 31 caps, 77 scarves, 10 men's sweaters, 13 turtleneck sweaters, 3 W. A.S. sweaters, 11 prs. seaboot stockings, 12 navy helmets, 25 body belts, 50 articles of clothing for children, 3 boys' kits of 10 articles each, 1 sheet, 307 handkerchiefs, total 609. In addition there were three donations of clothing and 6 new blankets.

Letters received by Mrs. C. Bewick, Toronto, who is a member of this branch, give some idea of the great need of children's clothing in bombed areas of Britain. Following are two of these letters :

From The Women's Voluntary Services for Civil Defence,

Manchester, Oct. 3, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Bewick :

On behalf of our Civil Defence workers in this region, I write to send you our most grateful thanks for your most welcome gift of ten infants' jackets. Only those who have actually been through a "blitz" can have any idea how sorely needed are all kinds of garments. Most of those who have been bombed out of their homes have only what they stand up in, so you can imagine the relief and gratitude of an anxious, homeless mother when she is handed one of your gifts. From our depot in Manchester we are now distributing clothing over all the vulnerable areas in the four counties, so as to be prepared for the raids which we anticipate we are bound to suffer during the coming winter.

We cannot be grateful enough for all the generous help we are receiving from Canada, and the sympathy which is yet another bond to draw us all closer in these days of war.

Again thanking you many times,

(Signed) Violet Haig.

From Mrs. M. Sullivan, Wisbeck.

Sept. 10, 1941

Dear Mrs. Bewick :

Please accept my thanks for a baby's nighty I was most grateful for, as I was bombed out of my home in London, and was evacuated to the above address. The Public Assistance Board gave me some clothes for my children and myself, among them was your nighty; thank you for your kindness — my baby looks very sweet in it, as he is only five weeks old.

(Signed) M. Sullivan.

WAR'S AWAY OFF ICEPACK PATROL

Arctic Circle is Last Lap on Flight of These Sturdy Airmen

London Dec 4 (CP)—The Arctic Circle is the last lap on the home stretch for the men who fly the ice-pack patrol. That's the name airmen have given to one of the Royal Air Force's strangest jobs, carried out by coastal command aircraft over the ice-flecked waters of the Arctic.

Long-range Lockheed Hudsons take off at intervals from Iceland on this patrol. Its objective is reconnaissance. Crews watch for Axis shipping and U-boats in these distant waters and bring back valuable meteorological information. First stages of these flights are over the grey expanse of the Atlantic, with no ice in sight. Then come icebergs, the pack ice and finally solid ice floes.

Crews rarely see any living thing though one crew, skimming over Greenland, sighted a small herd of muskox. Usually there's nothing visible but sea and ice. "In fact," said one pilot, "in the ice-pack patrol you'd hardly know there was a war on."

Heat Resisting Glass Saves Using Steel

Novel Use in War Canteens

(By Mail)

London — Britain is using glass to save steel.

It is translucent, toughened glass which can now take the place of steel as the top plate of hot cabinets in cafés and restaurants, safely standing up to temperatures of 120 to 150 degrees.

In these days when canteens and cafeterias are provided in all factories over a certain size the quantity of steel which can be saved is therefore considerable.

By admitting light to the cabinet, toughened glass lessens the work of the canteen staff in cleaning it and in serving the food. The glass takes a slightly longer time than steel to warm up but it holds the heat better, thus substantially reducing heating costs particularly in canteens with lengths of hot cabinets or a battery of steamers.

And of course the glass costs less than the valuable steel which it releases for the war.

BIRD SHOOTS MAN

Avoca, N. Y. (CP) — Fayette Van Wormer was struck in the eye with a shotgun pellet reflected by the metal band on a duck's leg.

OBITUARY

Accident Victim Is Laid to Rest in Grenville Cemetery

LATE FRASER DEWAR

Calumet—

The many friends of the late Fraser Dewar, who passed away in his 30th year, paid their final tribute on Wednesday, December 10; the funeral service, held at St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Grenville, was conducted by the rector, the Rev. Mr. Hawes.

Six cousins of the deceased — Stanley, Ernest, Harris, Walter, Fred and Sandy Dewar — acted as pall-bearers, immediately followed by the relatives and fellow mine-workers.

Those present of the immediate family were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dewar, father and mother of the deceased, and his sisters, Mrs. Herbert Welden, Grenville, Mrs. Robert Johnson, Kirkland Lake, Mrs. Chas. Farquhar, Huntingdon, and Miss Inez Dewar, Montreal.

The many floral offerings and expressions of sympathy showed the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

Interment took place in St. Matthew's cemetery at Grenville.

LONELY WOMEN MENTAL CASES

London (CP) — Loneliness and new and strange work — not air raids — have caused slight mental disorders among women. A leading psychologist said many women suffered minor mental disfunctions due to maladjustment experienced in having to change their way of life, while others suffered curious phobias after their husbands were posted overseas.

Bereavement Visits Brownsburg Family

LATE MRS. J. LEGAULT

Brownsburg—

The funeral of Mrs. Josephine Legault, who died suddenly on December 8, on her 79th birthday, took place here last Thursday.

Predeceased by her husband, Joseph Legault, 12 years ago, Mrs. Legault is survived by four sons, Albini, Mathias, Omer and Traffic Officer Albert Legault of the Quebec Provincial Police Department; three sisters, Mrs. Delima Pilon, Mrs. Zilda Desjardins and Miss Mathilda Cyr, and two brothers, Joseph and Zenon Cyr.

Representing the Provincial Police Traffic Department at the funeral rites were Sub-Inspector Gougeon and Officers D. Guindon, L. Villeneuve, O. Belanger, H. Daoust, W. Martin and H. Jones.

Burial took place in the Brownsburg cemetery.



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AMONG THE CHURCHES

Candle-Lighting at United Church Service Impressive Ceremony

The traditional C.G.I.T. Candle-lighting Vespers were held in the Lachute United Church on Sunday evening. Over 50 girls of every Protestant congregation in the community, took part in this non-sectarian service; and their leader, Mrs. Garfield Clark, ably directed the proceedings, assisted by Mrs. H. Jacobsen and Mrs. W. Freeland.

The church was appropriately decorated for the Christmas season, and a full congregation was present to witness the symbolic "Light of the World" ceremony.

C.G.I.T. girls comprised the choir, and their enthusiastic rendition of the carols brought forth much praise.

Members participating in the readings and prayer were Annie MacRae, Betty Morrison and Lois McClintock, and Lorna Giles read the address, an appropriate Christmas message by the Rev. Dr. Leslie Weatherhead, of Temple Tabernacle, London, England. Following the address, "Holy Night" was sung by Miss Mae Gordon and Miss Yvonne Bedard.

The lights were then extinguished, and the innovation of illuminating the stained window in the chancel by an exterior spot-light, added a significant background for the candle-lighting ceremony by the girls. The closing carol "As With Gladness, Men of Old" was sung as a recessional, and "Taps" was effectively offered as a fitting climax to the vespers.

Sunday Services

MARGARET ROUGER MEML. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. E. Orsborn

Morning Worship
Organ Musical Service beginning at 10.45 a.m.
Mrs. Prentice Bradley, organist
Sermon Subject :—
"There were Three Babes at Bethlehem."

Evening Worship
Organ Musical Service beginning at 6.45 p.m.
Mrs. Prentice Bradley, organist
Carol Singing
Sermon Subject—
"The Visit of the Magi."

LACHUTE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. W. B. Rosborough, B.A., B.D.

10 a.m., Sabbath School.
11 a.m., Morning Worship.
Subject :
"No Room For Jesus"
7 p.m., Evening worship.
Subject :
'The Real Meaning of Christmas'
Special Christmas Music will be rendered by the choir at both services.
2.30 p.m., East Settlement.
Welcome to all services !

LACHUTE BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, H. Charlton

Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Tuesday 8 p.m., Prayer Meeting.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, BROWNSBURG
Rev. J. R. Simpson, B.A., B.Th.

10 a. m., Sunday School.
11 a.m., 'The Innkeeper's Error.'
7.30 p.m., "God's Unspeakable Gift."

BROWNSBURG UNITED
Rev. S. J. Pike, Minister

10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., "The Coming of Christ."
7.30 p.m., C.G.I.T. Candle-Light Service.
Public Cordially Invited.

REGULAR BAPTIST
Rev. C. Hardie

11 a.m., Brownsburg.
2.30 p.m., Dalesville.
Christmas message by the Pastor.
Brownsburg Christmas tree program Tues., Dec. 23 at 8 p.m.
All Welcome !

LAKEFIELD SERVICES
Rev. C. W. Baugh, Rector

Lakefield 11 a.m.
Shrewsbury, 2 p.m.
Dunany, 3.45 p.m.
Louisa, 7 p.m.
Christmas Day, — Lakefield at 10.30 a.m.

MORIN HEIGHTS
H. G. Baugh, Preacher
December 21st.
Mille Isles, 3.30 p.m.
Morin Heights, 10 a.m. (H.C.)
Sunday School, 2.30 p.m.
Carol Service, 7.30 p.m.
December 25
Mille Isles, 3.30 p.m. (H.C.)

Human pride is human weakness. Self-knowledge, humility, and love are divine strength. —Mary Baker Eddy.

Pre-Christmas Services, Brownsburg United

Brownsburg — Pre-Christmas services next Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. in the United Church will feature special music and appropriate topics.

The evening service will be under the auspices of the C.G.I.T. (Canadian Girls In Training), under the leadership of Miss S. Lupien.

The Christmas tree gathering of the Sunday School on Tuesday evening, December 23, will take the form of a Christmas party at which the children will be treated to refreshments and prizes following the rendition of their own program.

Annual Meeting Of Lakefield W. A.

Lakefield — The annual meeting of the Lakefield W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Leonard Legg on December 3, with a full attendance.

Officers re-elected for the coming year were—
Mrs. McCambley, president,
Mrs. Geo. Peet, vice-president,
Mrs. G. L. Rogers, sec.-treas.
Delegates to Annual Convention—Mrs. McCambley, Mrs. Peet, Mrs. Lorne Dawson.
Substitutes — Mrs. Baugh, Mrs. Williamson.

The sum of $10 was voted to the Red Cross, and final arrangments were made for the annual Christmas tree program on December 22. The treasurer's report showed a substantial balance in the bank.

W.M.S. Officers Elected, Lachute United Church

The Annual meeting of the W. M.S. of Lachute United Church was held last Thursday afternoon, with the president, Mrs. Rupert Bradford in the chair.

Reports were given by the various convenors showing the work had been faithfully carried out during the past year. Three of the older members had passed on—Mrs. Davis, Mrs. H. Fraser and Mrs. H. Way — whose loss was deeply regretted.

Several large bales of clothing had been sent into headquarters to help the needy.

A pleasant part of the afternoon was a shower for a Christmas gift box to Mrs. Purdy for the children of the Lachine Home; this consisted of a large carton of warm knitted articles as well as books and toys. The Lachine Home is just one of the thirteen homes across Canada, supported by the W.M.S. of the United Church.

The nominating committee brought in the new slate of officers for the coming year, as follows : President, Mrs. R. Bradford; 1st vice-president, Mrs. J. A. MacGibbon; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. John Falconer; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. Harlow Giles; rec. secretary, Mrs. L. J. King; cor. secretary, Mrs. W. Doig; treas., Miss K. Reid; exp. treas., Mrs. E. Gordon; organist, Mrs. S. S. Campbell. The installation of officers will take place at the January meeting.

Christian Science Sunday Services

"Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon to be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday December 21. The Golden Text is from Psalms 62:11. "God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God."

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people." (Isaiah 51:4).

The Lesson-Sermon includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The universe, like men, is to be interpreted by Science from its divine Principle, God, and then it can be understood; but when explained on the basis of physical sense and represented as subject to growth, maturity, and decay, the universe, like man, is, and must continue to be, an enigma." (Page 124).

"Democracy is much better adapted to a world at peace than to a world at war".
—Nicholas Murray Butler.

MAY RELEASE QUE. CIVIL SERVANTS FOR WAR WORK

An enquiry is now progressing in all Quebec Government departments to secure an estimate of the civil servants who might be released for war work without impairing public services — Premier Adelard Godbout announced.

Just prior to the premier's announcement a statement in much the same vein came from Hon. T D. Bouchard, Minister of Roads and Public Works. He said the government would not buy any more machinery for maintenance and repair of highways, so that extra labor needed to man new equipment would also be made available for war work.

So far as is known, Quebec is taking the lead in instituting such an enquiry — not only ahead of other provinces but of the Dominion Government as well. The premier said the enquiry was being conducted by "specialists". It was inferred that he meant efficiency experts independent of the government.

No purge was intended in the matter of release of certain civil servants, the premier emphasized; neither was an occasion being seized upon to clear the civil service decks. Rather the whole idea was another instance of Quebec's determination to pare expenditures and at the same time liberate a class of worker who could transfer their energies with better advantage from provincial government employment to essential war work.

Four Million Plastic Cigarette Lighters

London — Because of the shortage of matches in Britain, millions of people there will soon be lighting their cigarettes and pipes with a standard lighter made of plastic material. The invention of Diana Berry, a 21-year-old land-girl, the design has been approved by Britain's Tobacco Controller, Board of Trade and the British Standards Institute. It will cost the public about 6s. 6d., and manufacturers are prepared to make 4,000,000 for a start.

The use of plastics for the new lighter — only the flint wheel is of metal — provides another example of the value of these materials at a time when metals of all kinds are rare. Made from raw materials of which there are unlimited supplies in Britain, plastics are being used in the production of aeroplanes, radio and electrical and submarine periscopes, gear-equipment, binoculars, spectacles wheels and bearings, and even houses, coffins and dinghies.

Lachute United Y.P.U.

Last evening's meeting of the Lachute United Young People's Union was in the form of a Christmas gathering, when the devotional exercises followed the Christmas trend. Miss Barbara Cunningham read a story on the historical thesis of the hymn, "Silent Night, Holy Night."

A debate followed on the subject, "Resolved that movies do more harm than good." Those taking part were Rhoda Wilson, Keith Armstrong, Barbara Cunningham and Doug Gordon. The affirmative side, upheld by the first two mentioned, were the winners.

The next meeting of the Union will be held on Wednesday, January 7.

Presbyterian W.M.S. At St. Andrews East

St. Andrews East — The annual meeting of the Presbyterian W.M.S. was held in the Sunday School hall on the second Wednesday of December. A fair attendance was present. After the devotional period, reports were read by secretaries of the different branches of the work. The allocation was met and a balance on hand to finish the year's work and start the new one. A full report of the year's work was given by the secretary, Mrs. Geo. Bryson. Six meetings were held in the hall, four in private homes and two in the church. The nominating committees presented the slate of officers chosen for 1942; few changes were made and there were no refusals.

The dedicatory prayer was given by the Rev. Dr. MacMillan. A charming Christmas solo was sung by Master Bryson. Letters of thanks were read from soldier boys in training, one in Huntingdon and one ill at Ste Anne's Military Hospital — Lorne Gates and William Bryson.

Coffee and cake were served by two hostesses, bringing the meeting to a social ending.

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MEDITERRANEAN, ITALIAN LAKE OR BRITISH HIGHWAY ?

Based on material cabled by the Ministry of Information, London.

1940—Mussolini's Midsummer Dream

As France fell out of the war Italy stepped in. Already the Italian jackal mistook for reality his dream of the Mediterranean Sea transformed into an Italian lake.

Yet the dream was not entirely vain. Britain's Mediterranean highway stood in greater peril than ever in her history.

Britain's Fleet Was Isolated

The French fleet guarding the Western Mediterranean was neutralized. From Gibralter to the Suez Britain was left alone to maintain her lifeline to the East. And encircled-Italy thrust a warring foot through the centre of the Mediterranean. The narrow mined Sicilian Channel linked her through the Island of Pantellaria with her Libyan possessions. The Mediterranean was all but cut in two.

Italy stood too on the shores of the Red Sea ready to close the Mediterran's eastern gate to the Suez.

Along the Western Mediterranean there stretched the unfriendly shores of France, Algeria, and Tunisia.

Her Bases Endangered

German armies pressing to the south through Greece added peril to peril. Crete was lost to the Mediterranean allies; German planes were within bombing distance of Alexandria, Britain's main naval base. Battered in more than seven hundred attacks, the Island of Malta still stood resolute between Italy and North Africa.

1941: Mussolini's Nightmare

As 1941 succeeded 1940 Mussolini saw his dream fade; as the months of 1941 passed by he saw it turn into a nightmare. Against the debit side of disadvantage and defeat Britain was piling up her credit list of victories; the British lifeline held firm; daily the action of the Navy, the Royal Air Force, and the Army, increased Italy's peril.

The Navy Strikes
Taranto, November, 1940

A heavy attack by the Fleet Air Arm on the Italian Fleet at the Italian Base of Taranto. One battleship of the "Littorio" class completely disabled, one battleship of the "Cavour" class beached, a second battleship of the same class badly damaged, two cruisers left listed to starboard, two fleet auxiliaries left with their sterns under water.

Cape Matapan, March, 1941

After the Fleet Air Arm had successfully attacked battleships, cruisers and destroyers of the Italian fleet, British battleships and light forces destroyed three 8" gun cruisers and two destroyers, and probably sank another destroyer and a 6" gun cruiser.

Day by day the attack continues, and day by day Axis ships are sunk.

April and November saw two outstanding victories.

Battle of the Convoys, April, 1941

British naval forces completely annihilated a convoy consisting of five supply ships and three destroyers between Sicily and Tripoli.

November, 1941

Two convoys of ten supply ships escorted by destroyers and two 8" gun cruisers were attacked in the central Mediterranean by a British patrol of two cruisers and two destroyers. All ten ships were destroyed and four destroyers sunk. The British forces suffered no damage nor casualties.

The Army Strikes—

Eritrea conquered, and with it Italian power in the Red Sea overthrown

In April 1941 President Roosevelt proclaimed the Red Sea open to American shipping. Since that date a constant stream of ships carrying airplanes and tanks has passed through the Gulf of Aden.

Syria

By swift action Nazi occupation plans were thwarted and a friendly country now borders the Eastern Mediterranean.

The Air Force Strikes

Axis ports battered

Benghazi has been attacked one hundred and seventy-six times, Tripoli ninety-five times.

Axis ships destroyed

In the six months from May to October the Royal Air Force have sunk or damaged two hundred and one ships in the Mediterranean. Of these thirty were hit in the month of October.

Debit to Italy

Since she entered the war Italy has lost 850,000 tons of shipping, including one battleship, eight cruisers, twenty-four destroyers, twenty-four submarines, and twenty-five torpedo boats, and her Abyssinian Empire.

Axis shipping losses in September and October averaged one ship per day. On board his flagship, Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean, has announced: "British and Allied submarines are sinking between twenty and thirty percent of the Axis ships taking reinforcements to Benghazi and Tripoli. In September 33% were sunk, and more than 50% damaged."

Credit to Britain

British convoys have gone through. Men and materials in vast quantities have poured into the Middle East. Up the Suez Canal have passed unimpeded supplies and reinforcements from Australia and New Zealand and with them American ships laden with the machines of war . . . . The British Highway is Open, and the Battle of Libya is joined.

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LONG LIMIT
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December 19 to January 1, inc.
Returning
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hare and Miss L. Pepper, of Ottawa, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. McGibbon last week.

Misses Connie and Isabel Passeur, Frances and Rita Doucette, and Agathe Deschaine left on Wednesday for their respective homes in Grand Falls, New Brunswick.

Mrs. W. J. Strong and her daughter, Miss Muriel Strong, of Notre Dame de Grace, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Elliott.

Miss Marjorie A. Seekins, of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, arrives Friday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd R. Seekins, Princess St. . . . Miss Seekins received appointment to the Judging Board of Pi Delta Gamma National Journalist Society.

Mrs. Leslie Morris, of Lachine, spent the week-end at her home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ward, of Montreal, spent the week-end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward.

Guardsman Maurice Elkinton, of the Canadian Grenadier Guards, has been visiting his home here.

Mr. G. M. Steeves has arrived in town to assume his post as manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Mrs. Steeves and family are expected shortly from Oxford, Nova Scotia.

Guardsman John Maidens, of the Canadian Grenadier Guards, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Maidens. Guardsman Harold Maidens and L/Cpl. John Blais are spending this week, at the former's home in Lachute Mills.

Annual Meeting of Argenteuil Legion

The annual meeting and election of officers of Argenteuil Branch No. 70 of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., was held in Victoria Hall on Tuesday evening. Five new members were added at this meeting and three at the last gathering, making a total of eight or 60% above the quota asked for here in the Dominion drive for new members.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term :—

Past president, H. Stansfield; president, Geo. Leggett; 1st vice-president, C. L. Duncan; 2nd vice-president, R. A. Giles.

Installation of officers will take place at the next regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 20, in Victoria Hall.

All members are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

FACE TO FACE

New York (CP) — The United Order of True Sisters (a Jewish group of 10,000 members) are cutting their cosmetic bills in half to contribute to a plastic surgery fund for disfigured faces.

STENOG. MINDS SHEEP

London (CP) Jennie King, a former stenographer, has become Suffolk's first shepherdess, starting her new job after receiving the Women's Land Army badge for two years' good service.

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Protestant Education in the Province of Quebec

A Series of Articles Prepared by the Protestant Committee of the Council of Education

2. Further Progress

In the previous article, it was explained that education advanced from the parochial or isolated system of schools to larger areas which, in the Province of Quebec, are now known as school municipalities. This trend in the 19th century was like that which affected industry and business in numerous ways. In fact, it has affected every occupation including agriculture. Small one-man industries have given way to factories, factories have given way to huge assembly line industries; small stores have given way to larger departmental stores with with an improved choice of goods, quicker turnover, cheaper prices, and more efficient distribution. Likewise in agriculture, attempts have been made in the past, and still are being made, with considerable success, to group farmers into regional co-operative activities for cheaper purchasing, better processing and more efficient marketing. The same trend has taken place in Canada as a whole. We have proceeded from groups of provinces to nationhood through confederation. Likewise, in the field of medicine, the country doctor's services can be improved by provision of district hospitals such as are to be found at Sweetsburg and Ormstown; and the Provincial Government has fostered the development of county health units for improved public health over larger areas.

Many possible improvements in education have yet to come, such as further improvement in the training of teachers, newer and improved methods of instruction, an enriched and extended course of study, greater variety in types of schools, and improved methods of school administration. At present, these improvements have really proceeded as far as they can go without the most important fundamental improvement, namely, the administration of education through larger areas. This solution has been adopted in many countries to secure these very ends.

What is a larger unit? In Quebec, we have made progress to the point where we have, to a certain extent, a large unit — a municipality which may have one or many schools under its jurisdiction. The still larger unit, which is proposed, is intended to group municipalities into wider geographical and social divisions according to population and topography. It is intended that the enlarged area should constitute as self-contained and as complete a population area as possible, so that all types of education may be available to the whole community in the most economical manner within its own limits.

The delineation of such an area involves detailed investigation of the geographical areas of the Province, a study of the population distribution, the roads and other communications, and the existing schools. In order to define the most suitable limits, the present political divisions such as counties and townships may have to be rearranged and regrouped to secure the maximum administrative advantages.

The present proposals now being discussed throughout the province have been carefully prepared with all these local considerations in mind. The county unit, as in Scotland, is not suitable for the scattered Protestant population of Quebec. Groups of counties and their environs are sometimes combined to form a larger area for geographical, social and educational reasons.

One of the most important conditions for securing all the expected advantages is that such an enlarged area should be under the professional supervision of a trained educational expert or Director who will guide the school board in the details of its duties in the same way as the general manager of a company directs its affairs under the general supervision, and subject to the policies, of the Board of Directors.

In such a scheme, the enlarged area under one school board would enable the authorities to offer better educational facilities to children under its care. These might be listed as follows :

(1) Better use even of existing school facilities.

(2) More advantageous assignment of children to the nearest and most appropriate school.

(3) Better placement of schools throughout the area.

(4) Better selection and placement of teachers in the area with consequent greater efficiency, permanency of employment continuity of service, and greater contentment of the staff.

(5) Possibilities of adding newer types of schools and courses of study; agriculture, domestic science, manual training and other types of technical vocational education.

(6) Centralized and consequently cheaper purchase of school supplies, equalization of equipment in the schools of the area, and better professional direction under a single administrator.

(7) Equalization of taxes and assessments to the ratepayers and better administration of available funds.

(8) Better school attendance, probably lengthened stay at school with consequent larger classes and inevitably increased interest both for children and parents.

(9) The possibility of redistribution of teaching staff so as to require fewer teachers unless the educational facilities are extended upwards.

(10) Better health service through unified medical inspection and treatment.

(11) Uniform salary scales, adequate to secure the best type of teacher and hence the elimination of the weak and continually shifting teacher who cannot hold a position for more than one year.

(12) The provision of professional help to young teachers without experience as well as better supervision of all teachers.

(13) A small administrative and overhead cost for equivalent educational services.

These suggested possibilities and improvements are not fairy tales and vain hopes. They have actually been realized in other provinces of Canada, and elsewhere in the British Empire, and in the United States. They can quite easily be secured for the Protestants of Quebec if they are sufficiently well informed and anxious to combine for the purpose of advancing their educational facilities in the interests of their children.

STANSTEAD W.I. MAKE BIG CONTRIBUTION TO WAR FUND

Macdonald College — Stanstead County Women's Institutes have contributed $185 to the War Fund inaugurated by the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada. This is a litttle more than half of the entire sum raised by the remainder of the Institutes in the Province to date.

Are You Going Home For Christmas ?

Are you going home this Christmas time
To Dad and Mother, too,
To share that dear day's happiness
Just like you used to do?
It seems — oh such a little time
Since you were just a child,
A-running, playing 'round that place,
With happy children, wild.
You'd hang your stocking Christmas eve
Out by the chimney side;
And in the morn, before 'twas light,
Then out of bed you'd slide.
You'd tip-toe to that chimney, then
With wide eyes you would stop,
For you would see that stocking filled
From toe, right to the top.
In fact so full, it would not hold
Another small thing more,
And bigger toys your Ma would lay
Beneath it on the floor.
You 'member how your Ma would have
A chicken roasted through,
And dressing, saged so tastily,
And thick, brown gravy, too.
And big plum pudding, caramel sauce,
And lovely Christmas cake,
So nicely iced and filled with fruit,
Made specially for your sake.
But now your parents aren't so young,
They may not be here long;
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DISTRICT NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

CUSHING WEST

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pinkerton are spending a two weeks' vacation at their residence here.

Mr. Eldege Desforges is in Lachine at present, where he is engaged on work for the Department of Transport.

Mr. C. F. Watson, accompanied by Mr. T. W. Weir, motored to Sorel on Saturday.

Mr. Douglas Hartley, Montreal, spent the week-end as a guest of Mr. E. Whelehan.

Mrs. C. F. Watson will be hostess to the Ladies' Aid of St. Mungo's at the December meeting on Thursday; this is also the annual meeting for the election of officers for the coming year.

Mrs. Usher arrived home on Saturday after an absence of two months which she spent with friends at Toronto, Belleville and Ottawa.

Mrs. F. Gaston, who has been absent at the home of her brother, Mr. J. Hammond, Centreville, has now arrived home.

Mrs. S. Whelehan has returned to the city after spending a few weeks at her residence here.

CUSHING

Sgt. Major Holmes, of Montreal, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Gaston.

Mrs. A. Graham and Miss Christina Graham returned home from Montreal on Saturday. Miss C Graham is residing at present with her nephew, Mr. Archie Graham.

In giving Frontier W.I. news last week, an error crept in: the children's treat was donated by the president, Mrs. John Heatlie, and not by the Society as stated. (This intimation was made too late to have the correction made for last issue.)

Mrs. John Owens is now head of the local W.M.S. as president — to the pleasure of her many friends. Mrs. Owens has taken an active part in Mission Band work with the children ever since she came to Cushing as teacher of the school.

DALESVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cleland were Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. Dave Dixon.

Miss Irene James spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. McGeorge.

Mrs. Arthur Campbell was in Montreal for a few days last week.

Little Miss Marlene Murdoch spent the week-end with her cousin, Miss Elaine Dixon.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. Hardie spent a few days in Thurso recently.

Several Dalesville ladies attended the shower held at the home of Mrs. Lorne Wert in honor of Miss Sybil Wert's approaching marriage.

The Dalesville Baptist Sunday School are holding their Christmas tree program on Friday evening.

Mr. Arthur Campbell and Miss Enid Campbell were in Montreal this week.

Mrs. Clarence Dixon entertained at a birthday party in honor of her daughter, Elaine, who was six years of age. Many of her little friends attended.

WEIR

Mrs. Ernest Dubeau, of Montreal, spent a few days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Dubeau recently.

Mrs. Roy Staniforth and son, Victor, of Rouge Valley, spent the past week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Williams.

Mrs. Earl Christianson spent a few days in Montreal last week visiting friends.

The Misses Jessie and Lorna Bennett, of Montreal, spent the week-end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bennett.

Mrs. E. J. Craig returned to her home on Saturday after spending a few days in Montreal at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. G. Bowie, Jr., and Mr. Bowie.

Miss A. Munich returned to Montreal on Thursday after spending a few days here at the home of her brother, Mr. A. G. Munich.

Mrs. Sherman Beaven spent a few days in Montreal last week visiting friends.

Mr. P. Dubeau is spending some time in Montreal, where he is under observation at the Montreal General Hospital.

ARUNDEL

A meeting of the Ladies' Aid was held in the church hall recently. Mrs. S. K. MacArthur and Mrs. Wm. Swail were the hostesses.

Miss Ethel Cooke spent the week-end at her home here.

Mrs. C. Tuching entertained Grace Church W.A. at her home on Thursday last.

Miss Laura Davis was a recent week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Davis.

Mrs. T. Evans spent last week in Montreal visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. Keatley and Mr. Keatley.

Mrs. Thos. Marshall, Miss Birdie Forsyth and Mr. Garnet Marshall, of Montreal, visited friends here recently.

Dr. C. Flanagan spent the week-end at his home here.

The Misses Irene Kenney and Hazel Mackenzie spent the week-end in Montreal.

Miss Dorothy Kerr was a week-end guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kerr.

A meeting of the W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. M. E. Davis last week.

Mr. Eddy Graham spent the week-end in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cooke and son, Bobby, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cooke.

This Is Growing Serious !

Right enough, the Gift Problem finds you desperate as Christmas Day approaches . . . But, seated in our "visitors' chair" we took a look around the premises, to list a few sure-fire suggestions for your last week of shopping. Just a few — but look them over, and catch a bright idea!

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THE WOMAN'S PAGE

Hints for Homebodies

By Jessie Allen Brown

GREENING

It is fun to make your own Christmas decorations, wreaths and garlands. Down here they call it greening. Our Chapter had a greening to make the wreaths to decorate the largest stores. We make over sixty and get fifty cents a wreath. So we are well paid for a hard day's work. Other organizations have a Greening to make the decorations for a church or to sell at a bazaar. If you haven't tried making wreaths, do try it this year. First you need a heavy wire foundation. If there is no other wire available they may be shaped from coat hangers. Then you need ever-green branches. If you live in the country these are not hard to get; others can buy them at the florists or at market. Cuttings from Christmas trees will do. Break the branches into pieces about half the width you want the wreath, then tie these slantingly to your foundation. The main thing is to have good cord and to tie them firmly. For outside use a red oilcloth bow makes a good decoration. I gathered bright red berries when out in the woods to add to ours. I haven't the slightest notion what kind of berries they are but they are down in the fruit cellar and I hope they will keep as they are such a lovely color. I hope I can find some pine cones but there are not many pines around here. We need to return to more simple ways and to use time and love rather than money to express our Christmas spirit.

POINTS FOR PAINTS

Paints, crayons, and plastecine or clay are all favorites for Christmas giving. They are fine things to give too, as besides keeping a child busy, they stimulate the imagination, and train the creative ability; and teach them to use their hands skilfully. These are points to consider in buying even these simple things. Instead of the small crayons costing five or ten cents buy large ones that are over four inches long, and a half inch thick. These cost a quarter but are well worth the difference as they do not break easily. Instead of a box of paints with several colors in them, buy poster paints with the three primary colors and let them mix their own colors. Large brushes and paper at least 12" by 18" are the most satisfactory for the small child. Save the clean wrapping paper and cut it into suitable sizes. It is amazing what even the very little ones can do with poster paints in red, green and yellow. Clay or plastecine is usually sold in fiddling little sticks —in different colors. There is not enough of any one color to be of much use and the colors soon get mixed up and look messy. Buy it by the pound in one color and you get enough to be of some use. It is not expensive and will last a long time. Provide a can to keep it in. A bottle of prepared paste, old magazines and a pair of blunt scissors provide hours of pleasant occupation. Give the child a basket or box to keep its magazines in as they should never be allowed to cut magazines indiscriminately.

CURRENT BOOKS

There are so many books written about current events that it is difficult to choose from them. William L. Shirer's, "Berlin Diary" is the most outstanding. It is a fascinating book, one that you hate to lay down. Pierre Van Paassen, another reporter-commentator, has a new book, "That Day Alone". He is always worth reading but some of the critics are finding inaccuracies. "Ambassador Dodd's Diary" is good reading but has not the savor of Shirer's. Those of you who enjoyed Rene Kraus' Biography of Winston Churchill will enjoy his newer "Men about Churchill". Then by way of contrast read Patricia Kraus' "Bevin and Co.". Her husband is Labor member for Lambeth and she deals with many of the same men as does Rene Kraus. "The Eagles Gather" was one of the strongest of last year's novels. It is said it was based on the history of the du Pont family. Marquis James has written a biography of Alfred I du Pont and it would be interesting to read the two books together. The Eagles Gather makes a strong case against the armament manufacturers and I was interested to note Ambassador Dodd writing that most of the trouble in the world was due to the armament manufacturers of all countries.

TOFFEE CRISPS

1 lb. rum and butter toffee, 1 package crisp rice cereal, ¼ cup butter.

Melt the toffee in top of a double boiler, add the butter, then stir in the cereal until the mixture is thick enough to spread. Sometimes it requires a little less than the package. Spread in a buttered pan and cut in squares.

SHORTS

Divide hard sauce into three, and color one part red and one green. Pack in layers in a shortening carton to mould. Cut in slices to serve.

A six pound chicken takes 4 cups of crumbs for stuffing.

Add 2 tablespoons currants to stuffing for chicken, veal, or pork.

Lady Tweedsmuir Finishes Volume

London, Dec. 12, (CP) — Lady Tweedsmuir, widow of the former Governor General of Canada, has written an epilogue to "Children of Canada", the book her husband left unfinished when he died. The book was complete except for the last chapter and the epilogue describes what the chapter should have been. Changed in title to "The Last Traverse", the book will be published in England soon.

BRITAIN SENDS PERKY DRESSES FOR CHRISTMAS

Vivid Splashes of Color in Garments for Little Girls, with Accessories to Match

Written for The Canadian Press By BARBARA BRITON

London (CP) — Little girls in Canada are to receive British fashions made especially for them — just in time to be worn at Christmas parties. The twos to teens were having it all their own way in boxfulls of wearables ready for dispatch from famous woollen houses the other day.

Fashions for the very small follow those designed for their fashion-wise elders. There were the same vivid splashes of color, the same simplicity and careful cut, the same thought given to matching items.

Slacks — so much in demand in Britain since stocking rationing — appeared in small sizes. Some particularly smart, were made in grey flannel. They had self-strapped pinafore tops — for small figures do not curve at the waistline and lack of grip at the belt might be embarrassing. Otherwise daughter's slacks are small counterpart of mother's.

Long Flares

Equally imitative — and perky as you please — were the skirts made to flare from waist to knee. These in vivid scarlet or bright blue whipcord can be worn with matching jumpers or twin sweater sets to match or contrast and have straight-legged panties to match. Pleated skirts of grey flannel also boasted the pinafore straps and will, of course, go with anything.

Young brother can be supplied with bright blue or scarlet whipcord pants and be turned out to match with his sister.

Wool dresses for awkward ages —the long-legged girls of six and onwards—showed decided improvement in style and typical English simplicity. They were essentially young, with Peter Pan collars and yokes but more carefully fitted now.

Accessories that will go to Canada for young Canadians from a famous wool house included gay brushed wool hood-scarf and mitt sets and silk or fine wool handkerchief squares in vivid greens, blues, yellow and red, besprinkled with tiny prints of animals. These follow grown-up fashions and can be worn in the same way under coats — the only difference was size and quaintly childish patterns.

THERE'S COURTESY AROUND CHRISTMAS

Don't Send Gifts or Choose Them So They Embarrass People

Toronto, Dec. 17 (CP) — Christmas gifts are good to get when you feel that true friendliness comes with the gift, says Common Courtesy.

That means the gift is suitable to you because the giver has taken time to select something you want or at least are likely to like. It means most likely that the gift is not too costly either in relation to your life or the giver's.

But a gift that obviously is too much — something the giver prefers and not enough what the recipient might choose — is not a good gift. Nor is it wise to try to impress people by sending gifts to everybody you know. Often that only brings about a feeling of embarrassment, when the person does not feel he can exchange gifts with you.

Children in school often need good counsel from home in sending cards or presenting gifts because their tendency is to want to remember all the children they know. It is a good time to help them decide about close friends or at least to help them limit their giving to a reasonable extent.

"Only fools are not afraid."
—Harry Emerson Fosdick.

CROCHET GOING TO SMART HATS

You Don't Have to Make Afghans Any More, Try Things to Wear

New York, Dec. 15 (CP)—Crochet is coming out of the afghan and going to our heads in the very smartest hats. It's been on our gloved hands for a long while and now it's even going to bed with us — in stunning jackets and night caps (not the kind you drink).

Crocheted evening wraps, jackets, or mantilla and mitts — made of cotton — are exciting styles. For crochet today is treated as a fabric, simulating light weight crepes and woolens, resembling rough tweeds or taking checks and plaids. Sequins and rhinestone studs are definitely new and chic. And you can even crochet, with patterns from your home sewing material source, the daintiest bridal headdress!

Housewife May Serve All-Canadian Christmas Dinner

Patriotism can be appropriately combined with festive gaiety when the Christmas dinner table is spread with attractively cooked foods grown in Canada. Realizing that this year the Canadian homemaker will be striving to economize when planning and preparing the Yuletide feast, the consumer section, Marketing Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture, suggests typically Canadian Christmas dinner menus, with tested recipes for some of the foods.

The menu is :— Chilled apple juice or clear tomato soup; roast turkey or chicken with savory bread dressing, giblet gravy, red currant jelly, or roast lamb with brown gravy and mint jelly; glazed squash and creamed onions or harvard beets and buttered green peas (frozen or canned); creamy mashed potatoes, crisp celery and apple salad or tomato moulds; vanilla ice cream and raspberry or strawberry sauce or steamed carrot pudding and vanilla or hard sauce. beverage.

Steamed carrot pudding is made as follows: One half cup of flour, one half teaspoon salt, one half teaspoon each of cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and cloves, one half teaspoon baking soda dissolved in two tablespoons sour milk; one cup of grated raw carrot, one cup grated raw potato, one and one-half cups raisins one half cup currants, one cup bread crumbs, one cup brown sugar and three- quarters cup suet, finely ground.

Sift together flour, salt and spices. Combine with all other ingredients, mixing thoroughly. Turn into a well-greased coffee or honey tin, or suitable mould. Cover tightly with one thickness of heavy waxed paper and two thicknesses of greased brown paper, which are tied securely around the top of the tin. Steam for three hours or until done. Serve with hard sauce or a hot pudding sauce.

Creamed onions have a special Christmas touch if two tablespoons chopped pimento and two tablespoons green pepper or parsley are added to two cups cream sauce before pouring sauce over the cooked onion. To prepare glazed squash cut crosswise and remove fibre and seeds, scraping the cavity thoroughly. Cut in pieces for serving. Place squash in abaking pan, kin side down; add a small amount of hot water. Bake in a moderate oven (375 degrees F.) for about 40 minutes, or until soft. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and brown sugar or honey. Dot with butter and glaze under broiler.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES BUSY

Carlisle, Eng.(CP) — The Cumberland Federation of Women's Institutes this autumn made 50,000 pounds of jam — equal to the ration for 100,000 people.

CUT MEN'S SUITS TO WOMEN'S COATS AS COUPON SAVER

Hubby's "Civies" Eke Out Clothing Rations for Members of Family

Written for The Canadian Press By ALISON SETTLE

London, Dec 8 (CP) — The remodelling and "modernizing" craze which, to save coupons, has swept London, now attacks even the most conservative and long-established fashion houses.

The latest to advertise such service for "gowns, coats and furs" headed its advertisement "The Coupon Problem". But advertisements of other houses inviting women to bring in their husband's civilian clothes and have them remade into women's coats and suits drew a host of letters to the papers from men in the forces protesting "this is a scurvy thing to do when materials are bound to be less durable and good after the war."

Trousers to Save

Women are keen coupon savers. They are buying firmly knitted suits because they save four coupons, rating that much less than woven suits. They also contrive to save another four coupons by buying cardigans in knitwear departments which have generous dickeys attached inside so they look like a twin set.

British women dislike wearing trousers, but the coupon trouble means women do their housework, their gardening and car cleaning in a bib-and-brace overall with trousers, because these rank as working clothes and are coupon-free whereas overalls (or aprons even) are regarded by the men who framed the rules as not working clothes at all and rate for coupons.

Ingenuity of Styles

Shopping takes on an added spice of excitement when coupon difficulties, limited supplies and other factors have to be overcome. The young princesses probably thought this when they were taken by their mother, the Queen, to a famous Piccadilly department store when in London, enroute from Scotland to their present place of residence. This is where they buy many of their jumpers and cardigans, also tweed skirts and what they buy is durable and timeless in fashion.

Women who saw the new collection of a famous fashion house at this shop commented on two features — one the ingenuity of double pocket flaps, and double revers in breaking the economically slim silhouette, the other the use of fly buttoning at the back hem of a skirt to allow so slim a garment to be used for bicycling.

Queen Aids Cupid For Scots Lassie

Girl's Letter to Her Majesty Draws Help in Romance

London, Dec. 12 (CP) — A letter to the Queen asking "as one Scottish lassie to another" for help in a faltering romance culminated in the marriage of a Scottish girl and a Polish soldier.

Countess Cecile Raczynska, wife of the Polish ambassador, told how the girl, in love with a soldier who did not want to marry her, sent a letter to the Queen saying : "Your Majesty, I appeal to you as one Scottish lassie to another. I beg of you to help me."

The Queen passed the letter on to the Polish ambassador, Countess Raczynska said, and he sent it with a note of his own to the commanding officer of the soldier's camp. What happened after that is told in a second letter the Scottish girl sent the Queen.

"Your Majesty," it read, "I am now the happiest woman in the world. My Polish soldier has married me and I owe it all to you."

U.S. Women's "Greatest Contribution to Defence"

Eat Good Food; Forego Pleasure of Pills, U.S. Leader advises.

Washington, Dec. 12 (CP)—Dr. Minnie L. Maffett, who heads 75,000 clubwomen in the United States, warns American women against a brass button complex in defence work.

"We don't need green shirts or any other colored shirts to work for defence," says Dr. Maffett, a Houston, Tex., gynecologist, who is president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women.

"We don't need to worry about brass buttons and epaulets. Think how much brass it would take to brass-button several million women anyway. We need to be giving thought to the job to be done — not how we look when we do it.

"Most women will make their greatest contribution to defence in health, nutrition and education, by taking courses and using what they have learned in work for their families and their communities. We have sensed the importance of vitamins as a defence factor, but most people are more vitamin-conscious than vitamin-wise. I believe that $100,000,000 a year could be saved by eating good food instead of pills".

"Hectic dashing around for entertainment is an endemic form of American intemperance."
—Bruce Barton.

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News of Current SPORTS . . SHOWS & Entertainment

½-MILLION PARCELS TO ENGLISH PEOPLE IN THREE WEEKS

From Montreal Post Office Alone; Increase of 150 per cent Over Number Last Year

Post Office Officials and staff at Montreal have just completed one of the biggest jobs undertaken since the war began, the handling and despatching of half a million parcels to civilian residents of Great Britain.

"We have despatched 500,000 parcels from Montreal to Great Britain in three weeks, this being an increase of 150 per cent over the same period a year ago," declared Ludovic Germain, District Director of Postal Services, to Stanley Jackson of the Montreal Gazette.

"They were mostly parcels containing food," added the director, who pointed out that the weight limit for such parcels is five pounds, and many residents had sent more than one parcel because of this limit on each package.

All the parcels went to civilians. The Montreal Post Office does not handle the mail of the fighting forces; this goes to the Base Post Office at Ottawa for despatch overseas.

In the matter of letters and cards to civilians in Great Britain for Christmas, the director said no large increase was indicated over a year ago, the big jump having been in parcels.

WANT & FOR SALE ADVERTISEMENTS.

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SUGGESTION — to help you with your Christmas shopping; enquire about leather belts, suspenders, mats and other useful leather arcles.—Wesley Robinson, Lachute, tel. 922-r-3. D18-3c

FOR SALE — anyone wishing to obtain Christmas trees, please leave order at Campbell's store Lachute. Phone 50 or 81-J-4. Price per tree 25c.-50c. D18-2p

SCRAP IRON BOUGHT — highest prices paid. T. McOuat & Son, Lachute Mills, phone 640. -1c

CAR FOR SALE — Dodge 4-door sedan with radio, heater, and prestone — in perfect running order; will sell for $525. Apply to Theo Boyd, 12 Clyde St., Lachute, telephone 371. -x

FOR SALE — 10-tube R.C.A. Victor radio, orthophonic combination, with 75 popular records — $45. Call Dick Best, Brownsburg 532. -1p

LOST — a complete Chevrolet truck wheel, tire measure 32 x 6. For further information call L. P. Dubois, phone 102 Hawkesbury, Ont. — Reward. -1c

FOR SALE — Spaniel puppies, also Scottie male pups. Ideal gifts. Write or phone "Campbellcroft" Plantagenet, Ont. -1p

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REMEMBER DEC. 31 — MIDNIGHT SHOW with NEW FEATURE and VAUDEVILLE performance.

Quebec Announces New Fishing Rates

Quebec,— A new scale of rates for fishing permits for non-residents of the province was announced yesterday following the passing of an Order-in-Council at the last session of the Legislature.

New seasonal permits, good for all members of a family under 18 years of age, will cost $15, compared with $25 last year. A three-day permit will come to $5. A second permit, which includes the taking of salmon, will cost $5 and $2 for a three-day period.

FORM MACDONALD COLLEGE SKI CLUB

Ramsey Riddell has been elected president of the first ski club to be formed at Macdonald College.

The club probably will consist of close to 25 or 30 members and it will take part in all college competitions during the coming winter, together with those jumping events which take place (providing there is jumping this year) at the Cote des Neiges hill. Riddell has applied for entry to the Laurentian Zone and this is expected to be completed shortly.

Girl students at the college will also be admitted as members, Riddell said.

Elect New President of Curling Club

Owing to the transfer of Mr. Stewart to Kingston, his office as president has been taken over by Mr. J. Romeo Charron, who was unanimously elected at last Thursday's meeting.

Mr. Geo. Muir was chosen as vice-president.

WANT NO NAZI BOXERS

Pretoria (CP) — A great police net was cast over the South African Union to find Sydney Leibbrandt, boxer and ex-policeman, who recently in some mysterious way returned to this country from Germany.

COMING EVENTS

Notices of Entertainments, Concerts or Meetings, etc., 10 cents per line each insertion. Minimum 50 cents. If billed, 60 cts.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Christmas tree entertainment, to be held in Louisa Orange Hall, December 20 at 8 p.m., D.S.T. Admission, adults 25c., children 15c. Refreshments will be served. -1p

FIREMEN'S BALL

The 20th Annual Firemen's Ball will be held in Lachute Auditorium on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31. Plan to attend this gala night and help a worthy cause.

CHRISTMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT

At the Gibb Hall, Lakefield, on Monday, December 22, a Christmas tree concert and program, at 8 p.m. Admission 25c. -1c

DANCE

A dance will be held in McArthur's Hall on Saturday night, December 20. Good Music and the usual good time assured! Admission 25c. —E. Berry. D18-2p.

MEETING OF HORSE CLUB

The annual meeting of the Argenteuil Clydesdale Club members will be held in the Agronomist's office at Lachute on Tuesday evening, December 23, at 8 p.m.

—A. R. Walker, President. 1c

AUCTION SALE

At the residence of —
JOHN McCULLOCH
Beaver Board, Brownsburg, on Saturday, December 20, at 1 o'clock:

Kitchen cabinet, chesterfield set, washing machine, kitchen stove, 2 bedroom sets, brass bed, glass china cabinet, dining table and 4 chairs, rugs, electric lamps, end tables, sideboard, refrigerator, and many other articles.

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THE WATCHMAN

ROUTE 8, MONTREAL TO AYLMER, LISTED AS WINTER HIGHWAY

A preliminary list of Quebec highways to be kept open this winter was issued under authority of Hon. T. D. Bouchard, Minister of Roads, and the following four routes of particular concern to this area are mentioned :

Montreal - Lachute - Masson - Aylmer — 132.30 miles.

Montreal - Vaudreuil - Pointe - Fortune (Ontario Border) —53.10 miles.

Montreal - St. Jerome - Ste. - Adele - St. Jovite — 82.10 miles.

Montreal - Cartierville - St. Eustache - Oka — 39.00 miles.

New Battleship



The U.S. navy's new battleship Indiana, seen here ready for the trigger pull which sent her down the ways into the James river at Newport News, Va., enjoys two distinctions. She was completed six months ahead of schedule; and at the time of her launching she was the heaviest of any ship ever to slide down the ways.

15-OUNCE BABY LIVED 25 HOURS

Slough, Eng. (CP) — A 15 ounce baby born here lived only 25 hours. It was kept in an oxygen tent and fed from a fountain pen filler with brandy, glucose and saline. It is believed to be one of the smallest babies on record to have lived after birth.

BARLEY-RYE-WHEAT FLOUR

Stockholm (CP) — Six per cent of barley is now being mixed with Sweden's rye and wheat flour "to make it go farther" under government order.

WEEK AT OTTAWA

(Continued from page 1)

Labrador and the entire Pacific coast south of Alaska are subject to enemy attack.

To Pay For War

Subscription books will be open in February for the fourth war loan of the Second Great War — this time with an objective of about $500,000,000. In announcing the loan, Finance Minister Ilsley said the Pacific war brought a "corresponding increase in the urgency of our financial requirements."

The Wartime Prices and Trade Board may shortly simplify price control measures. Donald Gordon, Board chairman, said dealers in all commodities are being granted licenses automatically by the Board and added that he hoped the Board might find it had sufficient control of industry to discontinue the specific form of licensing which required dealers in foods, feeds, clothing and footwear to operate under licence from Dec. 1.

In a preliminary step towards simplification, licensed dealers no longer are required to enter the buyers' licence nor to make sure that buyers are licensed before making sales.

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Tag Dogfishes to Trace Their Trek

Former Nuisance Migrator Found New Source of Wartime Revenue

Ottawa, Dec. 15 (CP) — Dogfish, until a few years ago regarded only as a nuisance by British Columbia fishermen, now are providing a new source of revenue and the Dominion government's Fisheries Biological Station at Nanaimo, B.C., is trying to learn more about them.

So more than 100 dogfish wear colored celluloid discs on their snouts, applied by the biologists in an effort to study their migration habits and routes and to assemble information on places and times most likely to yield good catches. Each disc returned to the station is worth 50 cents.

The outbreak of war intensified the demand for vitamin-bearing fish oils, and scientists found the livers of dogfish, or grayfish, rich in vitamins. Last year's production of oils from dogfish caught in British Columbia waters was valued at $145,000.

Boy Scouts The World Over



KNOWN AND UNKNOWN SCOUT HEROES

In recognition of outstanding work during heavy Nazi air raids on the Merseyside, the 7th, 10th and 12th Bootle Boy Scout Groups have each been awarded a Scout Silver Cross for Gallantry.

As part of the A.R.P. messenger service the boys carried out their work with fine courage when part of the telephone service was put out of action at the peak of a raid. Sometimes on foot, sometimes by cycle or by car, throughout the terrific bombardment of incendiaries and high explosives their messages were delivered. Time bombs and raging fires did not deter them. In the words of one official, they were the V.C.'s of the raid.

Some of the Scouts had been bombed out of their homes, and their parents evacuated, but the boys kept on at their duties, sleeping at the Town Hall. When supposed to be off duty they frequently were found helping with mobile canteens, attending to the stoves or helping with the preparation of food.

The Bootle Scout Association could give many instances of individual courage and exceptional work, but in their view it would be unfair to the many others whose fine work did not happen to be seen. The medals therefore were awarded to the Group in recognition of both the known and unknown Scout heroes.

BOY SCOUT OASIS IN EUROPE

The existence of a Boy Scout troop of English lads, cut off in Central Europe — an oasis of Scouting surrounded by Hitler anti-Scouting countries — was revealed in a summer camp report received in London. The troop is made up of boys of Chillon College, near Montreux, Switzerland, the sons of English families stranded there by the sudden collapse of France. The Scoutmaster is Rev. George Moore of All Hallows, Barking-by-the-Tower, Scoutmaster of the 1st City of London. He had been in Switzerland recuperating after an illness when war broke out.

The English Scouts camped beside Swiss Scouts, and there was the usual cordial fraternising that characterizes all international Scout gatherings. The Scoutmaster's report of the camp ended with a description of the final joint campfire, concluding: "You would have rejoiced to have shared with the finale, when we sang Auld Lang Syne and our respective National Anthems, said our various prayers in our Roman, Protestant and Anglican ways, remembered our brothers throughout the world, and saw perhaps a glimmer of the vision of the world that Scouting may bring about if we do our job well. And so, a blessing and to our beds.

USED CAR BARGAINS !

Plymouth 1939 4-Door
Plymouth 1938 2-Door
Dodge 1938 4-Door
Dodge 1935 4-Door
Ford 1936 2-Door

MacRae Motor Sales
— PHONE NO. 220 —

HOLIDAY BOOKINGS FOR LAURENTIANS EXCEED LAST YEAR

With the operation of a special deluxe bus service this winter between Dorval airport and Laurentian ski centres, an open highway, and an improved system of reporting snow conditions, resort owners from Mont Tremblant to Shawbridge have expanded their accommodations for the coming season.

Despite the war, advance bookings are ahead of last season at this time, some resorts reporting double and triple increases in the number of reservations. One hotel proprietor reports that, "even last New Year's a number of our guests placed reservations for this season." Another said that Christmas bookings — which are generally small — are the greatest ever.

Advance bookings also show that the Laurentian resorts will be catering to a larger number of Americans than in the past. Some hotels report that Americans will make up from 50 to 80 per cent of their guests with the balance coming from Ontario and the Montreal area.

The annual session of the Ski Instructors' Alliance, an independent school for instructors, was held recently at Gray Rocks Inn, St. Jovite.

A heated bus accommodating 33 passengers and equipped with baggage compartment and special ski racks will connect with the daily snow plane arriving at Dorval airport from New York and will take passengers over a well maintained highway to Laurentian ski centres. This new service will be operated by Canadian Colonial Airways in conjunction with the Provincial Transport Company. Accommodation also will be available to Montreal skiers on the trip north, but at deluxe rates. The bus will travel twice a day.

"Hector" the 14-ton snow fighter of the Laurentians Winter Roads Association will again plow its nose through deep Laurentian snows to keep the highway open as far north as Mont Tremblant.



CAPITOL BROWNSBURG

Sun., continuous show from 2 p.m. . . Wed. & Fri. Matinees 1.30 p.m.

FRI., SAT., DEC. 19-20
Mickey ROONEY, Judy GARLAND, Lewis STONE in
Life Begins for Andy Hardy
John Barrymore, Francis Farmer,
WORLD PREMIERE
Paramount News of the Day

SUN., DEC. 21 ONE DAY ONLY
Edward G. ROBINSON, Edward ARNOLD, Laraine Day
UNHOLY PARTNERS
Richard ARLEN, Jean Parker,
POWER DIVE
Serial, JUNIOR G-MEN

MON., TUES., WED., DEC. 22-23-24
Fred MacMurray, Mary Martin, Robert Preston in
NEW YORK TOWN
ADOLPHE MENJOU, GLORIA SWANSON in
FATHER TAKES A WIFE
And SELECTED SHORT

REX

FRI., SAT., DEC. 19-20
Joan BLONDELL, Binnie Barnes, John Howard in
Three Girls About Town
John Garfield, Marjorie Rambeau,
EAST of the RIVER
FOX NEWS OF THE DAY

SUN. DEC. 21, ONE DAY ONLY
JANE WITHERS, Jane Darwell, Cobina Wright in
SMALL TOWN DEB
GENE AUTRY, Smiley Burnette, Fay McKenzie in
SEIRRA SUE
Stan LAUREL, Oliver HARDY in TWICE TWO

MON, TUES., WED. DEC. 22-23-24
Irene DUNN, Robert MONTGOMERY
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Lloyd Nolan, Constance Moore, Richard Carle, Barbara Allen in
BUY ME THAT TOWN
Cartoon : ABDUL - THE - BULBUL

DEC. 25, CHRISTMAS SHOW will start at 6 p.m., also on FRI., SAT., DEC. 26-27
CLARK GABLE, Rosalind Russell, PETER LORRE in
THEY MET IN BOMBAY
W. C. FIELDS' Comedy Sensation
Never give a Sucker an Even Break
NEWS OF THE DAY

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in the business centre, Main Street, Lachute

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that we are serving COMPLETE MEALS from 12 noon till 9 p.m., from 40 CENTS UP; and all our food is prepared by a highly qualified and expert chef (ten years at Seigniory Club) . . A LA CARTE at all hours.

CANDIES FOR CHRISTMAS —

our variety of CHOCOLATES, HOME-MADE CANDIES is unsurpassed. Gift boxes and large display of table assortments for your holiday shopping



RUBIN'S

Open every night till Christmas !

Boys' Windbreakers
A warm Christmas gift. They are made of wool melton and trimmed in wool plaid blanket cloth. Popular style with front slide fastener and pleated back. A bright assortment of colors to choose from. Sizes 26 to 36.
Price $2.95

Boys' Sweaters
A smart gift to get the young lad. These are genuine "Macabe" sweaters in All Wool English yarns styled by Monarch. Choose one while the quantity lasts. Shades of blue, grey, brown, green and maroon, made in the popular V-neck pullover style with sleeve and waistband trim. Sizes 26 to 34.
Price $1.95

Men's Gift Jewelry
A small gift that is greatly appreciated. See our assortment of gold and silverplated cufflinks and key chains by 'Swank'
CUFF-LINKS $1.00 to $2.00
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All gift purchases boxed and wrapped for Christmas if requested.

Let us help you choose your gifts for all the family.



"Paisley" Pyjamas for Men
Beautiful Paisley designs on fine broadcloth, styled by Arrow. Many designs and patterns in the lot including fine polka-dot motifs. See how he will appreciate a pair of these for Christmas. Sizes A to D.
Price $2.50

Capeskin Gloves
Jaunty slip-on gloves. Handy side opening for easy entry and exit. Color, black. Wonderful chance for a Christmas gift at worth-while saving.
Price $2.25

Chenille Housecoats
Wrap-around style chenille housecoats in colors blue, rose and turquoise !
Price $5.95

Pillow Cases
Embroidered pillow cases made in Madeira. Rich designs to choose from. Neatly boxed.
Price $1.45

Men's Shirts
The ever popular man's gift. Choose a couple for him from this fine assortment of broadcloths. You will find dozens of patterns and as many shades. They're all with attached colors. Included in the lot are fine quality whites too. Sizes 14 to 17.
Price $1.65

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To 'Watchman' Readers in Canada and Overseas --- Christmas Greetings !

New Measure Restricts Numerous Products Entailing Use of Metal ; Will Affect Many Household Items

GOVERNMENT SHAPES ACTION ON URGENT NEEDS OF MONEY, MATERIAL, MANPOWER

— THE WEEK IN OTTAWA —

Specially Written for the Watchman
By ALAN HARVEY, Canadian Press Staff Writer

Ottawa, Dec. 22 — Demands of a two-ocean war condition almost every act of government and dominate Canadian thought these days, as the Dominion moves in concert with the United States towards a stiffer war effort. Fresh measures are being formulated by the government at Ottawa along the channels Finance Minister Ilsley lists as the three main requisites of victory : money, materials and manpower.

On the economic front the Wartime Prices and Trade Board wields major influence with an almost-daily series of rulings and announcements affecting every Canadian. Early in the new year important decisions also are expected to result from the two-day conference of federal and provincial treasury officials here last week.

The meeting was the latest in a series resulting from the Finance Minister's proposal in his budget speech April 29 that the provinces forsake the income and corporation tax fields for the duration of the war, accepting compensating federal revenues in return. Mr. Ilsley says he expects separate draft agreements for each province will be completed next week and forwarded for approval or rejection. Accepted agreements will be recommended to provincial legislatures for legislative action.

Dairy Subsidy

Of major importance to farmers is the Prices and Trade Board's announcement that subsidies will be paid producers of milk sold to manufacturers of concentrated milk products and, in certain areas, to producers of milk sold for fluid milk distribution.

The bonus payments are effective now and will amount to 3 cents a hundredweight to producers of fluid milk sold in all areas where no increase in milk prices has occurred since last Aug. 1; and 40 cents a hundredweight, above a minimum price of $1.70 a hundred weight for the present price, whichever may be higher," to producers of milk sold to manufacturers of evaporated and concentrated milk.

On Monday, too, poultrymen began to benefit under the agriculture department's three-cent-a-dozen bonus on all grade A eggs purchased for export to Britain under the present agreement with the British Food Ministry, and an additional one-half-cent-a-dozen bonus if the eggs are oil dipped.

To protect producers from possible increase in the price of bread the Prices and Trade Board is studying the advisability of reducing bread deliveries to three a week, eliminating some varieties of bread, cakes, bakery products and biscuits, and simplifying packaging and wrapping in the interests of economy.

But the effects of the war's extension to the Pacific arena are more directly felt in the war production field. A great majority of Canadian rubber imports come from the far east and almost as soon as Japan entered the war the government issued orders banning sale of all rubber tires "until further notice" and suspending the processing of crude rubber and latex.

Since then the use of brass and bronze for name plates, memorial tablets and a wide range of hardware has been prohibited, effective March 1; sales of kapok, widely used for filling pillows, soft toys and upholstered furniture have been stopped to assure supplies for war needs; copper has been banned for use in outside water connection.

Metal Prohibitions

Production of a long list of consumer products in which metal is the chief component — including toys, garden and household furniture and store and office equipment — has also been banned from March 31.

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LIONS TO GIVE A DINNER FOR POOR KIDDIES

ANNUAL CHARITY VENTURE FOR YOUNGSTERS OF THE HOME COMMUNITY

While Lachute Lions Club has extended its service work to supplying the local servicemen with their monthly quotas of cigarettes, the Club members are not unmindful of their home duties, and — as they did last year — they purpose entertaining the poor children of this town to a good Christmas dinner. This will be held in the Auditorium basement on Saturday, December 27, at 5 o'clock.

AUTO, SLEIGH IN COLLISION MT'L HIGHWAY

ALBERT STEWART, STRUCK ON HEAD, IS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Returning home from Lachute after delivering a load of logs on Saturday afternoon Albert Stewart, a well known Bethany farmer, was the victim of an accident at the curve near Walker's farm on the Montreal highway just east of town. Mr. Stewart's empty sleigh was struck from the rear by a car driven by Keith Boa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Boa, East Settlement. The impact of the crash hurled Stewart backward from his seat and he struck his head on the bed of the sleigh. Bert Dodd, riding with his employer, was unhurt, but one of the horses drawing the sleigh was badly cut by the binder pole which had been used to hold the logs in place.

Carried to the John Walker farmhouse nearby, the victim was given medical treatment by Dr. W. F. McMartin of Lachute, and was later sent to the Royal Victoria Hospital by ambulance for X-ray examination. Reports to date show that, although suffering from slight concussion, Mr. Stewart sustained no fractures.

The accident occurred between three and four o'clock Saturday afternoon. The highway surface was slippery in that section, and after the collision Boa's car slid in the ditch.

Traffic Officer Albert Legault, of Brownsburg, investigated the collision.

Assessment on Public Utilities Discussed by Town Council in Homologating the Valuation Roll

RULING PROHIBITS NIGHT PARKING ON MAIN STREET; CARS OBSTRUCT SNOW-CLEARING, WILL BE MOVED TO GARAGE

At a special meeting of Town Council on Wednesday, December 17, called for the purpose of homologating the valuation roll, now assessed at $2,430,245, strong exception was taken to the difference in valuation of the Gatineau Power at $8,000 and that of the Bell Telephone at $2,200. After considerable discussion, Ald. F. S. McGibbon moved, and Ald. E. Prevost seconded, that the valuators be requested to re-assess these two companies in town.

The officer appointed to clean chimneys in the town reported that 1,213 chimneys had been swept, 7 proprietors having refused, and 30 chimneys were found in bad order . . . Ald McGibbon moved, seconded by Ald. Prevost, that this report be sent to the fire underwriters, and the names of those refusing the town services be placed on file at the town office.

Discussion arose on the snow-plowing of town thoroughfares, and obstruction to this work caused by cars parked on the streets at night. A measure to remedy this condition was voiced in a motion by Ald. McGibbon, seconded by Ald. Prevost — "that any cars parked on Main Street between the hours of 12 midnight and 7 a.m. be removed to a garage, at the owners' expense." The ruling was passed by Council.

FOREGO HOLIDAY

Leeds (CP) — In order to maintain a steady flow of tank armor and steel for aircraft construction, 3,600 employees of a North England iron and steel factory have voted to forego their four-day Christmas holiday.



The Paradox of Christmas

Though today it be our duty to work for war, it is a role not of our own choosing. And as we work, we do so for the single purpose of victory and peace; not with rancour in our hearts, nor greed, nor lust for power, but with the memory of a song the angels sang, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" . . . Impractical, it seems. Yet 'tis the certain motive that leads us on.

Peace on Earth ! — Through nineteen centuries, still the choicest blessing heaven could command. Yet never before this time was Christianity so sternly summoned to the task it bears — of restoring peace by force of arms. So today, in the celebration of Christmas, civilized man finds courage in that task — finds inspiration, once again, in a gospel and a power that have survived so long the fury of their foes.

Firemen's Ball Proceeds Go to Fire Equipment

ANNUAL SOCIAL EVENT SPELLS DIVIDENDS IN FIRE PROTECTION

Every year the Lachute Fire Brigade has held its "Annual Ball" and the coming New Year's Eve will witness the 20th such happy event, when holiday-minded folk gather to wind up their Christmas festivities and ring in the New Year.

In order to dispell certain wrong impressions that the funds derived from this event are used for personal benefit of the firemen, The Watchman interviewed Fire Chief Geo. Y. Deacon this week, and he stated that the entire proceeds had been allocated to the most pressing needs of fire equipment. The Fire Chief, in tribute to his men, further mentions that the efficiency of Lachute's fire-fighting service today is due largely to the self sacrificing spirit of the volunteers, who render faithful service to the town.

A brief tabulation of finances shows that through the years from 1925 to 1941 the Brigade raised $3,865 through dances, concerts, and reimbursements for attending out-of-town fires. This entire amount has been used in maintaining and improving the fire equipment, with exception of one expenditure for crockery for Lachute Auditorium, as appears in the following summary :

1925 Half the cost of first Ford fire truck	$425.00
Kitchen dishes in Auditorium	163.00
1926 Paid on pump for Ford fire truck	400.00
1934-5 Paid rent of fire station	337.50
Door at rear of fire station so pump could be used from river	25.00
Made-over ladder waggon into truck	437.50
Fire whistle, air compressor and installing	509.27
Exchanged Ford truck 1925 for 1934, rebuilt body and changed pump	1010.00
Membership Province Que. Police & Fire Chiefs Ass. and Dominion Fire Chiefs Association 13 years	130.00
Rubber coats, rubber boots, fire axes, etc.	200.00

Through the efforts of the Fire Brigade in 1934, the Town procured a grant of $7,000 from the Quebec Government towards the 600-gal. fire pump and the Town gave $4,000 from the insurance on the Auditorium. The Town also gave $425 towards the Brigade's first fire truck, and $95 on the first pump.

The Fire Department today has three trucks, and one discarded; from 1925 the Fire Department has therefore acquired four trucks, towards which Lachute Town actually has paid only $520.

CAROLLERS IN LACHUTE WILL ASSIST QUEEN'S FUND FOR BOMB VICTIMS

A group of young Lachute ladies have planned to go carolling on Christmas Eve, and their idea has a two-fold objective: firstly, to give a real Christmasy touch to the local celebrations with the old-time custom of many European countries, of singing carols in public streets, and secondly their motive is inspired by patriotic fervor. Voluntary contributions will be welcomed by the girls, and all moneys collected will be turned over to the Queen's Canadian Fund.

Christmas Eve is the time when we usually think of others . . . and on this occasion it is hoped a worthy response will be given the carollers; their efforts will help the bombed-out victims in Britain.

CANADA'S APPLES OVERSEAS

London (CP) — Juicy Canadian-grown apples, selling at the government controlled price of 28 cents a pound for grade I and 18 cents a pound for grade II, have been distributed to districts where the English-grown supply have been exhausted.

OPTIMISTIC DEPTFORD

London (CP)—Deptford Borough has decided to drop the term "rate collector." In future taxes will be "received" and not "collected".

War Boosts Mining Of Iron in Canada

Northwest Ontario Deposits Helping Under New Conditions

Ottawa, Dec. 22 (CP) — Recent development of iron ore production in Canada constitutes a valuable contribution to war industry and, in partially meeting a demand previously supplied by the United States, is effecting a saving in exchange.

Figures on the production of iron ore, with other important minerals, remain secret under war regulations but it is known that last year several hundred thousand tons were produced at the New Helen mines in the Michipicoten area near Sault Ste. Marie. Michipicoten yields almost the entire domestic production of iron ore at present. A large deposit has been reported at the Steep Rock Lake property near Atikokan, 135 miles west of Port Arthur but it is at present still in the surveying stage.

Iron ore production in Canada came to a standstill in 1923 but was revived at Michipicoten in 1939 when the Ontario government provided a bounty of two cents per unit of 20 pounds of iron.

The New Helen property is estimated to contain 100,000,000 tons of carbonate ore running about 35 per cent iron, a low grade which can only be practically mined with the bounty assistance. The Steep Rock Lake deposit was discovered in 1937 and is partially under water. Diamond drilling through the ice is reported to have indicated a large body of high grade ore. Presence of water makes development of the property expensive but it is expected further drilling will be carried out this winter.

Smelters at Sydney, N.S., obtain ore from their own mines at Wabana, Newfoundland, while ore from Hamilton and Port Colborne, Ont., smelters comes from the Lake Superior region of the United States.

LACHUTE RED CROSS DECEMBER SHIPM'T

Lachute Branch of the Red Cross Society reports the following shipment of supplies to headquarters in Montreal during the month of December :

176 Knitted articles, 5 kits (52 articles), 13 articles for the Women's Auxiliary Service Corps, 44 conservation articles, 5 extras, not for kits and 103 donations, making a total of 526, also $13 for blanket fund.

(Last report in "The Watchman" listed "9 donations"; this should have read "98 donations.")

ONCE AGAIN...

Correspondents and advertisers are asked to keep in mind the approaching New Year's holiday, and since The Watchman will again be published earlier in the week, kindly forward news and advertising copy well ahead.

British Shipbuilders Now Winning Race With the U-Boats

(By mail)

London — Britain's shipbuilders are winning the race with the U-boats.

Large steamers and motorships of 10,000 tons are now being completed, from the laying of the keel to the final coat of paint, in just under six months. Indeed, by making parts of the hull and so on in distant work shops inland and assembling them at the shipyard, the six months have been reduced to five and a half.

Never before has Great Britain turned out ships at such speed; and it is speed that has decided the peace--time controversy about whether the hulls of big merchant ships should be rivetted or welded.

Welding is not only quicker but it saves steel, so welding has won. More steel is being saved by the use of concrete for small craft. Hundreds of ferro-concrete barges have been built, releasing hundreds of skilled shipbuilders from the barge building yards to work on ocean-going tonnage.

There they are concentrating upon the well-tried standard "economy" types of vessels which many famous British shipbuilders had already evolved.

The shipyards were prepared when war came for an expanding production. The Admiralty passed the word to them for so many tankers, refrigerated cargo steamers, coasters, deep-sea tramps; and standardization has triumphed.

LATE JAS. McFAUL WAS 50 YEARS IN BUSINESS HERE, LAST SEPTEMBER

DEATH CAUSES FIRST RIFT IN WELL KNOWN COUNTY FAMILY

The death of James McFaul at the age of 73 years removes one of our best known and most respected townsmen. His passing is the first break in the McFaul family of ten. His death occurred on Sunday evening at his home on Grace Street, following an illness of several months. Mr. McFaul had always enjoyed good health and had been in business in the West End fifty years last September.

Those left to mourn are his devoted wife and a family of four children — Eileen, Harold, Clifford, and Cecil; also his four brothers, John, Robert, William, Charles, and his five sisters, Mary, (Mrs. McGregor), Lizzie, (Mrs. E. Wilson), and Eva, (Mrs. R. Styan), of Winnipeg, Maggie, (Mrs. John Scott), of Lachute, Jessie, (Mrs. L. Partridge), of New York.

The funeral took place from his late residence at 2.30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, service being conducted by the Rev. C. Hardie of Dalesville. Pall bearers were his three brothers, John, Robert and Charles, A. Middleton, A. McOuat and F. S. McGibbon. The remains were interred in the family plot at Lachute Cemetery.

Office Staff Are Guests at Happy Dinner Gathering

PERSONNEL OF LACHUTE'S BIGGEST BUILDING COMPANY, "COTTINGHAM SUPPLY"

A pleasant function occurred Saturday evening at the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cottingham, Bethany Road, when the personnel of Cottingham Supply Company with their wives — a gathering of about 40 people — were entertained at a dinner party.

Present from the Montreal staff of the company were Hugh Johnson, Bill Hughes with Mrs. Hughes, while Mrs. W. H. Barnes also came from the city to join her husband, who is a member of the staff in Lachute.

Impromptu chairman was C. S. Parnell, and toasts were proposed —to the King, by Mr. Barnes; to President Roosevelt, by Prentice Bradley formerly of Boston; and to the host and hostess, by Hugh Johnson.

Mr. Cottingham responded with sentiments of appreciation to his staff and thanked them also for a surprise presentation, in the form of an office clock, which had been made earlier that day. Mrs. Cottingham also graciously acknowledged the gift of a bouquet of flowers.

Games and a pleasant social evening were enjoyed by the party. Group photographs of the gathering were taken during the affair.

Price Control Also In South Africa

New regulations promulgated by the Price Controller for the Union of South Africa provide that no person may, without the Controller's permission "sell any goods at a price in excess of the cost of such goods to the seller plus a percentage of the gross profit, in relation to cost, ordinarily taken on like goods during the six months ended August 31, 1939, by a factor which the Controller shall prescribe from time to time."

The South African Government has decided to stabilize the price of bread at sixpence a loaf, in spite of a substantial increase in the price of wheat. Cost to the State is estimated at between £800,000 and £1,000,000.

In an effort to conserve butter stocks, a modified form of butter rationing, without ration cards, has been adopted.

More vegetables are being grown in South African back gardens than at any time in the history of the Union.

THE CHRISTMAS TELEPHONE TRAFFIC PROBLEM

THIS YEAR'S RUSH WILL EXCEED ALL PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE; WARTIME SHUFFLE IN POPULATION

Due to the tremendous shift which has taken place in the population of this continent during the last two years, the demand for long distance service on Christmas Day will exceed by far any previous rush of calls in the history of telephony. There will be thousands of calls placed by people, some of whom rarely use long distance facilities — soldiers, sailors, airmen, civil servants, munitions and aircraft workers, those people who find themselves in a strange part of the country, separated from their loved ones.

The telephone network on this continent is the finest in the world but it will not be able to handle all the demands for long distance connections on Christmas Day. Telephone users can co-operate to give Canada's war effort the right-of-way over the holidays by cutting down, wherever it is convenient, both on the number of long distance calls and the length of each call. This will leave more circuits free for vital calls associated with the war effort and for the use of men in camp and barracks who will not be able to get home for Christmas.

The Bell Telephone Company of Canada, which operates the largest of Canada's telephone systems is now handling an average of 6,500,000 local and 75,000 long distance calls each day. Since the war began, extensions have been made to most of the Company's 400 central offices, nine new central offices have been established and some 260,000 miles of wire added to the plant.

In addition to the increased volume of traffic, two other factors will cause telephone companies to be snowed under on Christmas Day. Firstly, the increased working time on each call and second the abnormal distribution of traffic.

Increase in Work Time

The business man or regular long distance user usually is generally able to furnish the operator with all the information necessary to the completion of his call and he gives it briefly. For example, Mr. Smith reaches the long distance operator and says: "Toronto Adelaide 0000, Robinson". Not so your occasional long distance user. He is likely to give you the pedigree of the person with whom he wishes to talk but not his telephone number. Then again many people are overawed by the distance over which the call is to travel and are consequently nervous.

These various complications increase enormously the work time involved on each call. So much time is used in lining up these calls that the time available for actual conversation on each circuit, per hour, is reduced considerably.

Traffic Not Normal

The telephone system is designed and thus far has been well able to take care of service demands throughout 364 days of the year. On Christmas Day the pattern is entirely different. It is not possible to design the telephone system to meet the Christmas Day traffic nor would any Company be justified in attempting to do so.

Normally a very large percentage of long distance traffic is carried on between the large cities. On Christmas Day, however, people call from home, from and to little out-of-the-way places. When one stops to consider that Canada has over 3,000 separate telephone systems, then it will be appreciated that the speed of service is sometimes affected when one or more of the very small systems with limited facilities is involved in a call. There are over 20,000,000 telephones on this continent, any two of which can be interconnected.

Trans- Canada Calls.

The longest delays on Christmas Day are experienced on long haul calls — calls which involve the establishment of circuits hundreds of miles long. In nine key cities across Canada, the long distance centres are known as circuit terminal offices. These cities are: Halifax, Saint John, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Vancouver. Two or more of these cities will be involved in any Trans-Canada call, regardless of the point at which the call originates and terminates. For example, if John Doe in Moncton tells the operator he wishes to speak to John Smith in Regina, the operator will call Saint John, Saint John will call Montreal or Toronto and Montreal or Toronto will call Winnipeg, who will call Regina. The average time for making a connection on a normal day is less than two minutes.

Of course a telephone call may involve more centres than those used in a Moncton-Regina call. For example, a call might originate in a town near Moncton for a village, near a town near Regina. All the centres previously mentioned as used in a Moncton-Regina call would be used in such a call. But no matter how great the distance involved it is still possible to make average connections within two minutes on a normal day.

On Christmas Day, however, practically every long distance telephone circuit on the continent is employed almost continuously. Therefore, when Tom Jones of Sherbrooke calls Bill Salmon of Victoria something like the following often results. The Sherbrooke operator reaches Montreal and is told that the traffic between Montreal Winnipeg is so heavy that it will be some two hours before a circuit can be obtained. The operator informs Tom Jones of the delay and tells him she will call him when the connection can be made. Then the operator asks Montreal to put the call on file.

In approximately two hours, the stack of tickets in the pile for Winnipeg, ahead of Tom Jones' ticket are cleared or refilled, and the Montreal operator calls Winnipeg to complete his call. The Winnipeg operator, however, reports that there is now a three-hour delay on Winnipeg-Vancouver traffic. She files the call for clearance as soon as the other calls ahead of it, which require a Winnipeg-Vancouver circuit are cleared.

After another three hours Winnipeg gets through to Vancouver to complete the Sherbrooke man's call but the Vancouver-Victoria circuit group provides another barrier. Eventually the Winnipeg operator reports to Montreal that a circuit is available to Victoria but unfortunately now all the circuits between Montreal and Sherbrooke are engaged.

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WAR BRINGS BOOM TO CONSTRUCTION

Hundreds of Millions in Military and Plant Buildings

Ottawa, Dec. 9 (CP) — War activity has sent construction in Canada soaring into astronomical figures and provided the Dominion with an industrial set-up unthought of at the outbreak of the conflict. The totals leave no doubt that previous peak years have been multiplied many times by the war program.

In 1938, for instance, some $353,000,000 was spent in Canada on construction of all types, including besides actual buildings, harbors, railways and civic developments. Compared with that, war activity figures show from the outbreak of war to Sept 30 some $146,000,000 was spent on straight defence projects for the armed forces and $600,000,000 was allotted for capital assistance to 275 projects.

Most spectacular development has been in construction for the air force. In 1938 about $513,000 was spent on hangars throughout Canada, the figures from the outbreak of war show a monthly average almost double that.

In all $117,154,000 has been spent on 1,247 air projects and that does not include another $24,000,000 for land and lighting. Army projects account for $23,087,000 of the defence total and $5,812,000 has been spent for the navy, including some docks.

One war industry, entirely non-existent before the war, now occupies a floor space of 800,000 square feet, equal to a building 150 feet wide and a mile in length. Probably the largest heavy industry in Canada has been developed for the manufacture of 25-pounder guns and occupies 600,000 square feet.

UNDERWRITERS LIST FIRE HAZARDS OF CHRISTMAS SEASON

When you play Santa Claus, play safe, is the reminder of the Canadian Underwriters' Association, whose records prove the joyous season can also be dangerous to life and property. Fire is the peril, at home and in public celebrations.

Christmas, 1940, in Canada brought tragedy to homes all across the land, statistics of the Dominion Fire Commissioner show. The causes? In most cases use of candles on the Christmas tree; next, short circuits because of overloaded wires and tinkered electric connections. Defective tree lights —those not approved by the Underwriters — were a big hazard, so were electric bulbs wrapped with greenery, a lighted candle in a window fired the drapes, sparks from a toy train caught tissue paper, etc. So, as the Christmas season approaches, the Canadian Underwriters' Association has, in the interests of public safety issued suggestions to prevent fires, accidents and injuries.

Say the Underwriters —

Don't place the tree near the fire.

Don't use candles, cotton wool or celluloid ornaments on a tree.

Don't smoke near the tree.

Don't tinker with electric wiring.

Don't leave the fire unscreened.

Don't litter the floor with tissue and tinsel.

Don't wreathe electric bulbs with evergreens.

Don't put candles near the tree, the curtains or table decorations.

Don't let children play with gasoline, kerosene or alcohol-powered toys unless supervised by an adult.

Don't use anything but safety film in movie projectors.

Special warning is given by the Underwriters to organizers of Christmas celebrations in public halls, schools, parish rooms, etc., where many people — especially children — are gathered. Here, records show, outstanding fire hazards are overheated stoves and pipes, cut-paper decorations slung near pipes and lights, evergeens piled near naked flame, and candle-decorated trees.

ALL YEAR ROUND FROM CHRISTMAS

Florida Post-Office Has A Merry Time

Christmas, Fla., Dec. 9 (CP)— It's Christmas every day in the year here.

But Christmas (the kind you celebrate on Dec. 25) comes only once a year, a fact for which Postmistress Juanita Tucker is very grateful. For with Christmas (the Dec. 25 variety) comes an annual flood of Yule mail — usually about 150,000 pieces.

And for a post office geared to handle the year-round correspondence of a community of only 250 persons the Dec. 25 Christmas mail is something to worry about.

Letters and cards from all parts of the United States and frequently from foreign countries pour into the modest little frame post office to be remailed and stamped with the "Christmas Fla." postmark. This also includes the small Christmas tree cachet designed by Mrs. Tucker sometimes.

People send their mail here first for Mrs. Tucker's cancellation and then ask her to forward it to Santa Claus, Indiana, for remailing.

Already this year Mrs. Tucker has forwarded mail to Rhodesia, Egypt, Burma, Australia, New Zealand, China and England.

Actually Each Store Has Its Own 'Price Ceiling' Under Control Law

Small Town Merchant Need Not Follow City Prices

Montreal, Dec. 21 — Officials of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board for Quebec province said here today that there still seemed to be confusion in the minds of some people about the application of price control. There is no pegged price for any particular commodity, they said; each shop or store throughout the country has its own "price ceiling" for each item sold. The law states that no merchant may sell a given item for more than the greatest price he charged for that item between September 1 and October 11.

A letter received in the retail administration offices here from a dealer in a small Quebec town complained that it was impossible for that merchant to sell articles at the "prices pegged in the big cities" because of increased transportation and handling costs.

The reply to this is that the small town merchant does not need to follow city prices. He must, however, keep his prices down to the same level at which he sold during the basic period September 15 to October 11.

Many questions have been received here about rents. In this connection the Board officials announce that no rents may be raised above the level prevailing on October 11. That applies to cases where written or verbal leases were in effect on that date. Where no lease was in effect, the rent must go no higher than that set by the latest lease since January 1, 1941. And if no lease was in effect at all this year, the rental charged will have to be subjected to approval by the Board.

About Christmas turkeys, a spokesman here says that housewives throughout Quebec should pay no more for their turkeys than they did between the dates September 15 and October 11. The only exception to that is the "specials" which were being saved for the Christmas market and which were not generally being sold during the basic period. These may run a little higher in price because they are of superior quality. The housewife can tell these birds, however, for they are wing-tagged and marked by government inspectors.

He Sure Earned His B.E. Medal

London (CP)—A young airman, Sgt. Clarence Wilkinson, who saved an R.A.F. bomber's crew when it came down in the North Sea, has been awarded the British Empire Medal for bravery. After the bomber hit the water, Wilkinson:—

Sent out an SOS, unstrapped the captain and helped him through a hatch, dragged out an unconscious navigator, jumped into the sea and helped the rear gunner launch the dinghy, righted the dinghy when it turned upside down, and then helped the other members of the crew into the boat.

BOUNCERS

It has been suggested that rubber trees be planted along main roads to prevent motor accidents.

The Year's End

brings us consolation in the role we have played — helping to put this community on the map as a vital contributor to war work. If we have one regret, it is that our service to this locality may have suffered in some measure through our attention to more urgent national business. We thank our customers for their kindly understanding; we deeply appreciate their past business, and anticipate continued relations of friendship and good will in the future . . . . Our seasonal greetings are heartfelt and sincere.



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With the dawning of another festive season we behold the Christian world still struggling for existence, in the most vicious conflict history has ever recorded. It is clearly evident, the glad exhortation which has inspired Christianity for nearly two thousand years — Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men — has been relegated among forgotten ideals, and the slaughtering of human beings continues unabated.

The riddle, so often asked, remains unanswered : What is this war all about? Is it a punishment imposed on Christian people for having virtually disregarded the command, "Peace . . Good Will" — for having turned their backs on divine teaching and become caught in the lower ebb of worldliness? It is undeniable that a large section of human society has paid scant heed to the spread of immorality; and if sanity can be restored by no other means, then there may be logic and reason in the world's great suffering.

Canada is fortunate in the part she is privileged to play — shoulder to shoulder with the Mother Country, hand in hand with the great American democracy — in a heroic struggle to set civilization upon a firmer footing, to command respect for Christian principles, and to impress the theme of brotherliness and understanding between nations. Undoubtedly it will be left to the Allies to end the tragedy, to mete out punishment to those whose crime envelops innocent millions in sheer barbarism, and to restore peace once more among all classes. And when that glad day dawns — then, let us hope, tired eyes will be turned again to heaven, whence came the first glad message of good will.

Good Wishes As Usual!

While Canada is aiding valiantly to quell the atrocities which have been perpetrated through the past three years — this is one community which, like many others in the Dominion, is still enjoying freedom of intercourse and all the necessities of life. For these blessings we feel grateful indeed; and just as our Canadian citizenship is a precious heritage, so are the surroundings of Lachute particularly dear to our readers. While hatred and conflict spread abroad, here we enjoy the friendly relationship and cordial understanding. Notwithstanding the people of Argenteuil have been called upon to bear a heavy burden, still business has been uninterrupted, and messages of appreciation from the district businessmen, featured in this Christmas issue of The Watchman, are evidence that our merchants and tradesmen are conscious of the loyalty and fellowship that prevail.

In comparing our lot with that of sufferers in worn-torn and enemy occupied lands, where men, women and children are at the point of exhaustion from lack of life's necessities, Canadians are fortunate indeed. It is fitting therefore, while we greet our friends and cherish our dear ones at Christmastime, that we shall imbue ourselves lastingly with the spirit of the season, to practice charity and kindliness whenever and wherever occasion may arise.

Putting Christmas to Music

Twenty-three years ago, Mary Lee Read, a director of community singsongs, waited for the train that would take her to her dying mother in Denver. (—The story is told in a back number of The Reader's Digest).

In the cold impersonal station, her anxiety and loneliness were almost unbearable. All about her were worried-looking people, and she realized that railroad stations are natural harbors for heartaches. Then a young man passed, whistling gaily, and something happened to that crowd. People smiled, a child began to sing. Suddenly Mary Read had an idea—it was music the station needed.

Her first program, given in the Denver station at Christmas as a memorial to her mother, was so successful that it became an annual affair and the railroads ran excursion trips from all parts of Colorado and neighboring states for those who wanted to hear her 500 carolers on Christmas Eve.

In New York in 1928, Mrs. Read was struck with the musical possibilities of Grand Central Terminal, with its cathedral spaces and half-million travellers a day. She was commissioned to prepare a Christmas program, and has been director of music there ever since, arranging Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas programs which sometimes feature grand opera stars, boy choirs, or the orchestra and quartet organized by the Red Caps. Mrs. Read and her friends have also played in the majority of large stations in the country, where music now has a permanent place during holidays.

Many travelers write letters and telegrams telling Mrs. Read how much her peaceful, hope-inspiring music has helped them, but her favorite tribute is a Red Cap's: "Mrs. Read, your organ music makes one want to put his arms around the whole world."

Use Common Sense in Decorating

Holly wreaths, gay streamers and even the Christmas tree can make your home a mantrap unless you mingle a little common sense with holiday decorating.

Fasten pendant decorations securely in place so they won't fall of their own weight or be easily dislodged. Make sure they aren't draped so they'll catch tall Cousin George under the chin.

Most people by now are fully aware of the danger of putting candles on the tree. Just make sure the electric tree lights don't come in contact with easily combustible material. Be sure to fasten the tree securely in place so it won't tip over in Auntie's lap during the Christmas party.

Many tree ornaments are made of glass, break easily and may inflict painful cuts. When one breaks be sure the pieces are quickly swept up and disposed of.

December Miracle

By J. E. Middleton

The little waves run 'round the earth
and nothing says them nay.
Stone walls or steel prevent them not
from rippling on their way.
In one bright flash they come to me
Across ten thousand leagues of sea.
I twirl the knobs and hear the rage
of War a world away,
So I neglect these chattering waves
day after weary day.
But in December's wintry air
The Carols come from everywhere:
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
(which nothing can surpass;)
The First Nowell and Silent Night
and Good King Wenceslas.
Then late on Christmas Eve I hear
The bells of Bethlehem, loud and clear.
Above the chorus of the guns
which bring but grief and pain,
Those bells bring promise of a world
grown sweeter and more sane.
So, on that night, where'er you be
Sit down and hear the bells with me.

Wartime Jokes

Here are a couple of war time jokes that are going the rounds.

A German wanted to change his name. He went along to the appropriate government office and explained the position.

"And what's your present name?" asked the clerk.

"Jan Stinx," came the reply.

"Ha, ha, Mr. Stinx," laughed the clerk, "no wonder you want to change your name."

"Yes," said the old gent. "I want to change it to Adolf Stinx!"

Then there was the Italian Captain who was rallying his men on the eve of the battle.

"Now then, my men," he shouted, "fight like heroes till your ammunition's gone — then run. Personally, I'm a little lame, so I'll start right now!"

The United States to Great Britain

In the Boston Herald of May 15, 1898

Hail brother! fling thy banner
To the billows and the breeze;
We proffer thee warm welcome
With our hand, though not our knees.
Lord of the main and manor!
Thy palm, in ancient day,
Didst rock the country's cradle
That wakes thy laureate's lay.
The hoary fight's forgotten;
Our eagle, like the dove,
Returns to bless a bridal
Betokened from above.
List Brother! angels whisper
To Judah's accepted race, —
"Thou of the self-same spirit,
Allied by nations' grace,
"Wouldst cheer the hosts of heaven
For Anglo-Israel, lo!
Is marching under orders;
His hand averts the blow."
Brave Britain, blest America!
Unite your battle-plan;
Victorious, all who live it,—
The love for God and man.
—Mary Baker Eddy

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Machynlleth, Wales (CP) —H. Roberts, a hunter, was released from military service to resume duty with a Welsh fox hunt pack after farmers complained foxes were causing heavy losses to lambs and poultry.

London (CP) — A letter which reached Britain after passing through German censors in Belgium carried this reference to the R.A.F.'s nightly raids: "Every night your little birds come over here and sing."

The Compliments of the Season

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WAR -- TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

By H. H. GORDON, Canadian Press Staff Writer

GERMANS DISTURBED OVER WANING STRENGTH AS 1916 ENDED; ALLIED POWER GREW

The year 1916 closed with Allied strength developing rapidly. During 29 months of bitter struggle the Entente powers had been forced to fight on the defensive in most areas to which the battlefront had extended in the First Great War, but the tide turned at the Somme and Verdun and there were indications that Germany had reached the peak of offensive power.

Hoping to capitalize on the apparent triumph of the Central Powers' armies, Germany made arrogant peace overtures in December which were turned down by the Allies as "empty and insincere." It was freely stated at the time that the German proposals were made because the Kaiser and his military advisers were troubled over conditions in Germany and the gradual depletion of manpower.

Although Allied activity on the Western Front in the summer and autumn of 1916 fell short of expectations, it showed that Germany lacked the strength to make gains of a really important nature. The French won a great victory at Verdun and the British, with an army of nearly 2,000,000 men, extended their lines, meanwhile making preparations for future offensives.

Apart from British successes in German East Africa and encouraging developments in Macedonia, the picture presented by other theatres of War was anything but bright.

Bad Political Situation

On the long Eastern Front, the Russians, though holding the enemy at most points, suffered from lack of ammunition and the disturbed political situation at home had an effect on the morale of the troops. Earlier successes in the Causcasus were endangered by the growing strength of the Turks who swung thousands of men into this area following the collapse of the Allied campaign in Gallpoli.

In southern Europe Italian and Austro-German forces were locked in a great struggle on the Austrian border. Here the Italians had just finished a brief but successful drive on the Carso plateau, but the mountainous terrain made fighting extremely difficult.

Serbs, French, British, Italians and Russians were included in an expeditionary force that had driven the Bulgarians back in Macedonia. To the north, armies led by noted German generals overran Rumania within a few months after her entry into the war. The Rumanians had banked on Russian assistance, but it was inadequate and the Russians were forced to evacuate the Dobrudja as the year closed.

In Mesopotamia, Sir Stanley Maude commanded a British and Indian force starting a second drive on Baghdad with every prospect of success. In the initial attempt almost a year earlier, Gen Charles Townshend with a small but heroic column got almost within the sight of Baghdad when he was forced to fall back on Kut-el-Amara where he surrendered after a long siege.

OUR FOOD SUPPLY

WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR C.W.N.A. NEWSPAPERS
By JOHN ATKINS, Farmer-Journalist

No. 11 FARM CUSTOMERS

Every farmer thinks of other Canadians as his customers. In towns and cities only those Canadians who deal directly with farmers seem to realize that a great part of their earnings come from sales made to farmers, directly and indirectly.

Whether a farm makes money or loses money the purchases which must be made to keep it operating are important to all who make or sell the goods and services that farmers buy. Few realize that a farm is a business as well as a home. Aside from the things which town families buy, nearly all of which are equally important to farm families, farmers must buy all that is required for production.

Before production starts the farm must have a plant suitable for its purpose. Land is only the beginning. A house is required in town or country but a modern farm home needs more equipment than a town home. If a water system is installed, motors, pumps, pressure tanks and septic tanks, are all extras.

Modern barns need ventilating systems, water systems, steel stalls and stanchions, steel-lined granaries with bins and chutes, chopping and grinding machines, milking machines, cream separators and coolers, feed and litter carriers, hay and grain unloading equipment, and many things required for any specialized production. Barns rival small factories in the cost and variety of equipment and in size.

The house and barns are only part of the farm requirement. The production of a modern farm requires all that can be used of the following equipment, materials and services: tractor, plows, various harrows, cultivators, seed drill, binder, mower, hayloader, rakes, packer, manure spreader, wagons, sleighs, racks, automobile, cutter, harness, fence, fence posts; tools for gardening, wood-cutting, simple plumbing, carpentry, ditching, concrete and stone work, and equipment repair; gasoline and oil, electricity, motors, telephone; feed for balanced rations, seed of all kinds, fertilizers, insecticides, disinfectants and stock medicines; breeding stock to build up flocks and herds; special equipment for grain growing (combines etc.), for corn planting and harvesting, for potato planting and digging, for fruit spraying, picking and cultivating, for vegetable and beet growing and so ad infinitum.

In addition to all the needs of the family, including insurance and medical services, the farmer insures his buildings, livestock and equipment (crops in some parts). The total of farm business and farm living makes a volume of investment and purchasing that rivals that of an average town business plus an average town home. Farm expenses are not nearly so much reduced by home-grown products as town-people imagine. Farm food has to be considerably supplemented by purchased food. Farm fuel, where it is available, costs time and energy that could be spent in other production if prices were profitable.

Many townspeople sit up nights scheming to bring small industries of doubtful prospects to their towns. They overlook the value of the farms which day by day contribute much more substantially to their incomes. They fail to see that farm prosperity based on a fair relation of farm earnings to their earnings, could do more for their communities than any other thing that is likely to come their way. Farm production goes on and farm buying keeps on to the benefit of every other Canadian. Permanent prosperity will be assured when farming goes on to the benefit of every good farmer.

"And so you enjoyed your African trip. How did the savages treat you?"

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Blueprints Go White

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(By Mail)

London — The engineer's prints without Britain could not produce a single battleship, tank or aeroplane, or even the smallest nut or bolt, are changing their color. The traditional "blueprint" is gradually being replaced by papers giving diagrams in black, blue or brown on white instead of white diagrams or blue.

The new prints, made by the dyeline process, are positive instead of negative. They can not only be produced much more quickly and in a smaller space but they give a clearer background and a stronger line less subject to fading, so helping the thousands of women and other inexperienced recruits in war production. Moreover, the paper does not shrink, as does the "blueprint" or ferro paper, and the designs are therefore more true to scale, another advantage to the semi-skilled. A valuable feature is that the surface is particularly suitable for receiving ink lines or color tints.

Dyeline prints are produced by two processes. In one, the dry process, the developer is incorporated in the paper itself, and when this is run over a light with the original tracing and subjected to ammonia gas, the drawings appear on the blank sheet as if by magic. In the other, the semi-dry process, a special solution is spread, by means of a simple machine, over the surface of the print. Here, again development is instantaneous and the prints dry in a few seconds.

Dyeline papers have been manufactured in Britain for some years past, and in one London works the chemists have been experimenting continuously with them for the past fifteen years.

County Skips Banquet To Aid Queen's Fund

Two examples of generosity by Ontario county councillors were reported to headquarters of the Queen's Canadian Fund last week.

In Leeds County, J. P. Ellwood, Reeve of South Elmsley Township, urged that the annual Wardens' Banquet should not be held this year and that the money saved be donated to the Queen's Fund. The proposal was corried unanimously on a standing vote.

In Grey County, the councillors voluntarily offered a portion of their daily pay in final session in Owen Sound. The contribution amounted to nearly $100.

"The world is rich, but every nation that must depend upon its own resources alone is poor.

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DISTRICT NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

WEIR

Mr. Donald Hodge returned to his home in Montreal on Sunday after spending the past fortnight as guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Williams.

Mrs. P. Dubeau paid a short visit to Montreal last week, where she visited her husband at present in the General Hospital. The many friends of Mr. Dubeau join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Mr. A. Turmel spent Saturday in St. Jerome.

Miss Lois Horner left on Sunday to spend the holidays at her home in Charteris, Que.

Mr. Wm. Bennett was home from Kilmar to spend the past week with his family here.

Mr. H. S. Croysdill spent a few days in Montreal recently.

Mr. Delmar Rumbolt paid a short visit to Montreal last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sobey moved into their new house last week; their many friends here join in wishing them many years of happiness in their new home.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Craig that their son, Ray, who is serving with the Canadian Army Overseas has safely undergone an operation for appendicitis. Ray's many friends here join in wishing him a safe and speedy recovery.

CUSHING WEST

Miss Catherine Cooke, of Ste. Anne de Bellevue, is spending the Christmas vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. L. Cooke.

Mrs. Usher had as guests on Sunday her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Keatley, of Montreal, also Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Keatley and Mr. Jack Keatley, of Grenville.

Mr. Douglas Hartley, of Montreal, was a Sunday visitor here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Weir, accompanied by Mrs. Irving Fuller, motored to the city on Thursday last.

Miss Whelehan spent last Wednesday as a guest of Mrs. W. H. Villeneuve at Carillon.

A joint meeting of St. Mungo's Ladies' Ajd and the W.C.T.U. was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Watson, when it was decided to stage an entertainment in the community hall on Saturday evening, December 27., the proceeds to go toward war work in connection with the W.C.T.U.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Albert Starnes and family, in the sudden death of Mr. Starnes.

The condition of George McKinnon, who was injured in an automobile accident near Grenville last Thursday, is still considered to be serious.

LAKEFIELD

An enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Trickey on Friday last, when they held a farewell party for their son Allan, who is in the Grenadier Guards. The evening was spent in playing cards and community singing. A purse was collected and presented to Allan, also gifts of cigarettes.

FOR DOCTORS ONLY

London (CP)—Almost the entire output of "pencil" type flashlights in Britain is being reserved for doctors. They use the flashlights for examination instruments.

DALESVILLE

Sunday guests of Mrs. David Dixon were — Mr. and Mrs. Norman MacRae and family, of Lachute, also Miss Vilda Titley, of Brownsburg.

Miss Ruth Campbell, of Stanbridge, is home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell.

ST. ANDREWS EAST

Miss Marion Menzies, of Montreal, is visiting Miss A. L. Wales.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Shipman and little daughter, Shirley, of Montreal, are expected for Christmas Day at the home of Mrs. Shipman's father, Mr. Gilbert Hamilton.

Miss Helen Rayson spent the week-end with Miss Norma Dewar at Grenville.

Mrs. K. J. MacLean left on Friday to spend the holidays with her parents at Paspebiac, Que.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Denault, of Lachute, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rita, to Mr. Etienne Larocque, of St. Andrews East, the marriage to take place on December 31 at St. Andrews Roman Catholic Church.

MABEL

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. Fred Townsend were Mr. Henderson Townsend of Brownsburg, also Miss Violet Gain of Dunany.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. MacCullough, of N.D.G., spent a couple of days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Murdoch.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cunning and children, of Vankleek Hill, visited friends in this community on Wednesday.

Miss Shirley Heatlie, of Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, arrived home on Friday to spend the holidays with her parents.

A number of the people in this community attended the Christmas entertainment held in Ogdensburg school on Thursday evening. Much credit is due to Miss MacCullough and her pupils, who presented a splendid performance.

Mr. and Mrs. Bazil Clark and little daughter, Lorna, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Black.

L.A.C. Wm. Murdoch of the R.C.A.F., who has been stationed at St. John's Que., is being transferred to the Mountain View Gunnery and bombing school at Belleville, Ont.

NEW SCOUT ORGANIZATION IN UNOCCUPIED FRANCE

The most important development of international Scouting since the outbreak of war is the re-establishment of the Scout movement in Unoccupied France. Before the war there were four French Boy Scouts associations and three of Girl Guides. All have now been united under the one name, "Le Scoutisme Francais". The new organization is headed by General Lafont, former Chief Scout of the Frech Catholic Scout Association, who will be known as the Chief Scout of France. The amalgamation has the complete, official approval of the different Churches, and of the Petain Government. Scouting still is banned in occupied France.

Thrilling Experience In Pilot's First Operational Flight

Pilot Officer P. E. Milward of Regina and Toronto had enough experience packed into his first operational flight against the enemy to make him a "veteran" after his initial trip, according to reports reaching R.C.A.F. headquarters from overseas.

P/O Milward recently made his first bombing trip to Aachen as a navigator in an R.C.A.F. squadron commanded by Wing Commander N. W. Timmerman D.S.O., D.F.C. And his initiation included not only the usual dose of "flak" but the additional hazard of landing on his home field with a huge bomb still clinging precariously to a damaged rack beneath the aircraft.

His story is the story of thousands of young Canadians overseas and his experiences were those to which thousands now training under the British Empire Training Plan look forward.

He was, as he says, "on my toes", as he went alone to the briefing room to chart his course.

"Then came the full crew briefing and I felt like an old hand. After it was all over we went back to the mess and, I must admit, there being other 'freshmen' among the crews, talked only of the night's operations. We had some coffee and sandwiches, then the trip in the truck to the crew room at the field where we put on our flying kit. It was not long before we were clambering into our machines and it seemed only a matter of moments before we were crossing the Dutch coast. There several searchlights spotted us but none held.

Then came the flak. My first flak. But it was just spotty and we "stooged" along until we got to Brussels. And what an amazing sight it was — hundreds of very powerful searchlights ranging in an almost straight line. Somehow they caught us and although our pilot took avoiding action, at least 50 lights seemed to hold us.

Then, out of the black at our rear, came a Messerschmitt 110 and its guns blazed. Both our gunners saw him and aligned their sights but their guns could not be heard above a terrific explosion in our starboard wing just out from the motor — and then another, not so violent, in our port wing. During this shooting we lost 5,000 feet in a vertical dive with a full bomb load. These Hampdens are certanly good kites.

"When we eventually found our target the bomb doors wouldn't open. Gunfire from the Me. had made them unserviceable. After 40 minutes frantic work, getting plenty of flak all the time, we got the doors open and let the load go on the target.

"How satisfying it was to turn for home! The searchlights didn't seem so bad and I was humming to myself. I seemed to have lost every care. We had done our job. It didn't seem any time before we were back over our 'drome and I scrambled out feeling a little proud. Our aircraft was riddled with holes. And underneath we discovered that one huge bomb had not released properly and it hung from the damaged rack.

"But we got our best news when we were interrogated. We found that our gunners had bagged the Messerschmitt. Reports from five other ships confirmed that it had gone down in flames."

P/O Milward, whose mother lives in Hamilton, was trained at Regina, Mossbank and Rivers. Before enlisting he worked for a contractor in Toronto.

"Monopoly means stagnation; stagnation means unemployment and mass unemployment means decay." —Henry Ford.

CANADA EXPECTS GREATER DEMAND ON DAIRY FARMS

Labor Problem is Worry

By MEYER GREENSTEIN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Toronto, Dec. 22 (CP) — War on the Pacific may place an added onus on the Canadian dairy farmer in the supply of food for Britain

Of the important foodstuffs required by the people of the British Isles dairy products, particularly cheese, butter and concentrated milk rank second only to wheat. To date Canada has been the major source of Britain's supply of concentrated milk products and has shared with New Zealand the position of primary cheese producer.

Since dairy products in transit from New Zealand to the United Kingdom must pass through waters well within the range of enemy action Canada may be called upon to increase her cheese shipments and may be required to supply butter as well.

Officials at the Ontario department of agriculture were unable to state at the moment how the new trend of developments in the East would affect the 1942 program for Ontario. W. R. Reek, deputy minister of agriculture, said that plans were under discussion right now but that no detailed information was available.

An official report, however, does intimate that in meeting any challenge as to increased production, dairymen are offered a larger share of the British market and can hold it through post-war readjustment with efficient production and management.

Foodstuffs and Labor

Intimately connected with any problem which may result if Ontario is to increase its production of dairy products is the problem of pasture and winter food supply for stock as well as that of labor.

An official of the department indicated that there were 46 crop improvement associations operating throughout the province. An annual meeting of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association is scheduled to be held in Toronto, Feb. 10 and 11.

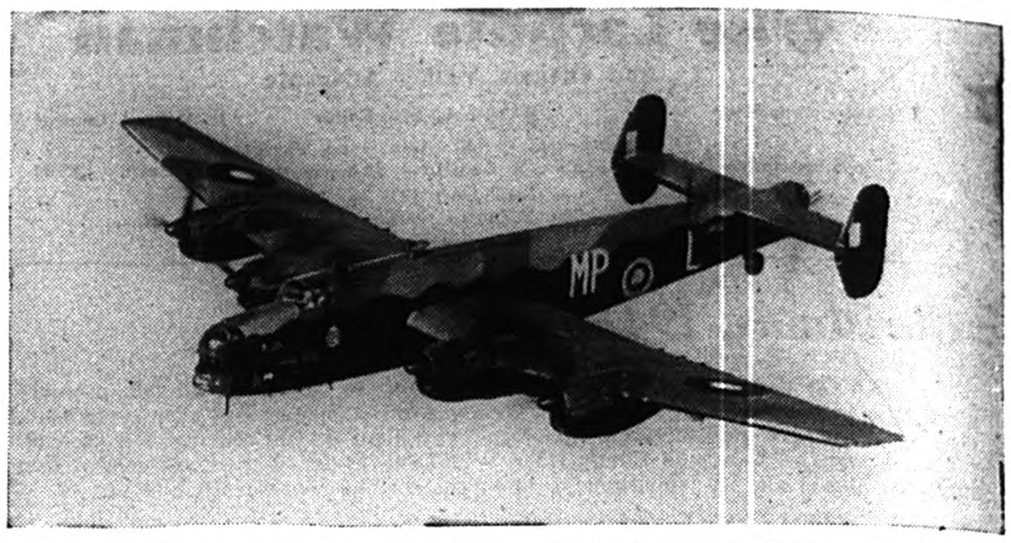
Increasing industrial activity and enlistments in the armed forces are making a heavy drain on farm labor. Farmers report it is practically impossible to obtain more experienced help and the situation on some dairy farms is so acute that it has been found necessary to reduce the number of milch cows. Weather conditions in 1941 made possible the maximum use of available labor supply as the early spring permitted seeding operations to be carried on over a longer period and the open fall provided increased time for harvesting and other fall work.

Serious Drain

Each month, however, there are fewer men on farms and the problem of an adequate farm labor supply is, according to an official report, expected to be extremely serious during 1942.

To help this condition the department is continuing its efforts in recruiting such groups as the Women's Land Brigade, the Farmerette Brigade, the Farm Cadets Brigade and the Holiday Brigade. The Farmerette and Cadet groups are composed chiefly of high school and college students who work on farms during their summer holidays; older girls and women form the Women's Land Brigade, while the Holiday Brigade is recruited from all types of workers who are willing to give up their annual holidays and devote their time to work on the farm. Enrolment in these groups last year numbered 23,000; a goal of 40,000 volunteers is the objective set this year by the department.

R.A.F. Aircraft Types



The Handley Page Halifax — one of the new 4-engine bombers of the R.A.F. Bomber Command — has a span of 99 ft., a length of 70 ft., and is 22 ft. high It is powered with four Rolls-Royce Merlin engines. In build it is a mid-wing monoplane with twin fins and rudders, the tail gun-turret projecting well past the tail assembly. Picture shows the Handley Page Halifax in flight.

Week in Ottawa

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Metals Controller G. C. Bateman has prohibited sale of pig tin without a permit except to war and essential industries, established a stiff tin priority which makes no provision for supplies to non-essential industries, and is studying means of replacing tin for packaging of some foodstuffs. Much of Canada's tin supply formerly came from the newly-inflamed far-eastern war zones of Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies.

Output of refrigerators and washing machines for civilian purposes, already reduced to 75 per cent of the 1940 monthly average by an order issued in October, has been slashed to 60 per cent.

What further steps the government will take in the third major division — mobilization of manpower — are still in the speculative stage as far as the general public is concerned. But recent statements by Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Air Minister Power and Agriculture Minister Gardiner lend strength to the belief that wide extension of the use of the powers contained in the National Resources Mobilization Act may be expected early next year.

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MINERS GO TO JAIL

Burslem, Eng. (CP) — Two former miners who failed to return to colliery employment when directed by the National Labor Services were each sentenced to three months in jail.

"There is no Nazi superiority other than a temporary capacity to destroy human beings."
—Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

IN MEMORIAM

BENNETT — In loving memory of Mrs. Louis Bennett, who departed this life December 23, 1940. — Ever remembered by Thorl and Freda.

SWAIL — In loving memory of a dear husband and father, William J. Swail, who departed from us December 22, 1934.—Ever remembered by his wife and family.

In lonely hours our eyes fill with tears,
Recalling sweet memories of bygone years;
Seven years have passed, how long it seems,
But in our hearts your face still beams.

BARONET IN MUNITIONS

London (CP) — Sir John Fitzgerald, 57, who won the Military Cross on the Western Front in the last war, will shortly begin to work in a munitions factory.

BILLETS FOR CANINES

London (CP) — The National Canine Defence League has appealed to dog lovers to provide temporary billets for bombed out canines.

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The craftsmen of the Canadian Pacific Railway Angus Shops at Montreal are proud of the powerful tanks they are building for the Canadian, British and Allied Armies. These mighty weapons stream off the assembly lines as the day and night shifts labor to produce more and more of these "Valentines for Victory." The illustration shows a number of the tanks in mass formation just before they rolled aboard Canadian Pacific flat-cars for shipment to the fighting fronts.



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Proper Lighting in School Buildings

A strong plea for proper lighting in all schools was voiced the other day by W. M. Councell, business manager of the Board of Education of East Cleveland, Ohio. In addressing the Illuminating Engineering Society at Chicago, he declared :

"Classroom lighting has been neglected more than any other phase of school development. Educators say that at least 80 per cent of knowledge is acquired through the eyes, so let us light the schools scientifically and safeguard the children's sight.

"As the first step in 'lighting for learning', make a careful survey of all your school buildings to determine their illumination requirements and how to obtain the best results. If you haven't time, personnel or facilities to do so, call on your local electric company and its experts will gladly make a complete survey for you.

"When you make your lighting installation — and this is highly important — don't do a half-baked job. If the system you need means rewiring the entire building, do it that way, even if you can afford only a few rooms at a time. For when the light rehabilitation is finished you will have a real job that will give perfect results".

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Running Water Makes Life Worth Living

Pumping and carrying 15 to 20 bucketfuls of water for the old wash tub with the thermometer down around zero is no fun! It's as bad in the summer with the thermometer up around 100 — and no shade. However, with running water, tubs, boilers and washing machines are filled in a jiffy and changed as often as desired. In fact wash day labor is reduced by more than half.

No matter how great your zeal for personal cleanliness may be, the necessity of bringing in water from the outside for bathing offers a tremendous obstacle to the maintenance of the proper standards in this important matter. But with hot and cold running water available in tub or shower at the turn of a faucet, a disagreeable task becomes an eagerly sought privilege.

Every man knows the torture of shaving with cold water, and the bother of heating it by the kettleful. With running water, all this is ended. You can have an abundance of water piped right into the bathroom or lavatory, ready to brush up an abundant lather and make shaving a real pleasure. There is no single modern improvement which adds so much to living comforts as running water.

With running water available, it is possible to live amid the kind of surroundings that make for happiness and contentment. Fresh, green, well kept lawns — flowers and shrubbery in profusion—these are but a few of the blessings that nature, aided by abundant running water, stands ready to bestow. Why not install an electric water system in your farm or country home and enjoy these facilities ?

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Hornets and Weeds Exterminated by Vacuum Cleaner

Maybe you didn't know it before, but when you buy a G-E Vacuum Cleaner, you're buying a weed killer and a hornet exterminator as well. To tell the truth, we're just finding out ourselves that the cleaner has these unusual features.

The first story comes from a little village in Vermont. The local station agent for the Central Vermont Railway is proud of the lawn at the station. But there was a problem — the lawn was covered with dandelions.

Puzzling his problem out, the station agent bought himself a long extension cord and waited for the dandelion blossoms to ripen into fluffy white pollen. The day they reached this stage he sallied out with his G-E cleaner on the long cord. The cleaner simply gobbled up all the pollen. Now the station agent is waiting triumphantly for the next dandelion season when his lawn will have a lot fewer yellow freckles than usual.

Now the scene changes to Glen Ridge, New Jersey. The principals are Mr. J. D. Hall, a very smart man, and several hundred hornets, which have been swarming into Mr. Hall's home through some holes beside the chimney. It took Mr. Hall several months to find the successful method of dealing with the hornets. Here again, the G-E cleaner is the hero. Mr. Hall simply applied the suction hose of the cleaner to the hole used by the hornets. "Like rats following the pied piper of Hamelin they streamed into the bag, until the entire swarm was gone."

A rag soaked in ammonia was applied to the suction nozzle to kill them but it wasn't needed. When the bag was opened, it was found that every hornet had been cut to pieces by the fan.

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Heat Saving by Good Utensils

If your utensils have a tendency to teeter up and down on the burners of your electric range, if your littlest kettle overhangs your small burners and the biggest one falls just short of covering the large ones, it is probably time you gave a little thought to them.

Properly selected utensils pay double dividends when you are cooking with electricity. Besides saving time, and your temper, they will use the electricity you are paying for more efficiently, and so take less of it.

A good utensil to use with an electric range has a flat bottom that makes good contact with the unit. It covers the unit completely, so no heat is wasted around the outside of the pan. It has a tight fitting cover that holds in the steam and shortens the cooking time. It has straight shiny sides because they help conserve the heat in the kettle.

Good pans need not be particularly heavy. Very light materials are apt to warp or to suffer dents and dinges from careless handling, but medium weight materials make satisfactory utensils.

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Electricity Can Be A Dangerous Ally

All electric repairs in the home should be made by a competent electrician. When a house is wired for electricity, the work should be inspected by the proper authorities.

Any changes made in the wiring should also be inspected, because additions to circuits may overload them and require larger fuses than are safe for the size of wire used.

Speaking of fuses, remember that the fuse is a safety valve. Don't replace it with anything but another fuse of the proper size. With the 110 volt circuits, no fuse of more than 10 amperes should be used on one leg, with a 25 ampere fuse in the main supply line. If a fuse blows out frequently there is something wrong with the installation or the electrical devices used. Have the wiring inspected if the cause cannot readily be determined.

Water and electricity don't mix. Do not under any circumstances touch electric appliances or cords if your hands are wet or if you are standing in water.

Since it's sometimes hard to keep the floor dry in the laundry when you are washing, wear foot rubbers to prevent electric shock. Cords used in laundries and basements should have special waterproof coverings. Washing machine motors should be grounded to a water pipe.

Keep all cords in good condition. The moment they appear to be frayed they should be replaced. Buy only electrical equipment of the finest quality — it is cheaper and safer in the long run.

Jerking cords from equipment or wall outlets loosens the connections and shortens the life of the cord. Always pull it out by the plug. And do not leave one end of the cord dangling from the wall outlet. Children or even adults may make an accidental contact with the loose end.

While in bathrooms or kitchens, avoid touching any electric switch with one hand and a water outlet with the other. It is better to use such electrical devices as vibrators, hair curlers, etc., in other rooms where there is less danger of contact with water.

Double and triple sockets should not be used unless it is certain the circuit can carry the extra load. Many fires result from over-fused circuits.

Some electrical toys on the market are poorly constructed and present serious shock and fire hazards. It is better to check with your local inspection authority and make sure equipment you purchase is safe.

But electricity can also be a valuable ally in safety. Use it to illuminate stairways, hallways and closets and it will help to avoid other accidents around the house.

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Numerous Benefits Outmeasure Costs

Yes, electricity does cost money. It costs to wire. Equipment and appliances for using electricity cost money. The electricity must be paid for regularly.

But what real material benefit does one get in this life without cost? It's the things we work hardest for — the things that cost something, that we appreciate most, and that often bring us the greatest satisfaction and profit. Why do we want our children to have an education? It costs us money. Why do I have my tooth filled? That's expensive. Why do we buy cars, binders, tractors? They all cost. But in addition to their cost, we think about giving the boy a better chance; the comfort of biting down on a solid tooth; the saving in horse-feed and labor; the pleasure of possession and ease of operation and care; and the added profits which may come from "stepped-up" activities.

Yes, good things cost. But that is not so important as the results they produce for us. Are they not worth the cost, and more?

Long Life to Your Kitchen Appliances

Like all other mechanical and electrical gadgets your electrical appliances require periodic attention. There are those who buy appliances and never even bother to clean them and otherwise keep them in good shape.

In order to derive maximum benefits from your electrical appliances it is well to have them examined by an expert once or twice a year. This does not cost much and furthermore it is an insurance against possible major defects. You wouldn't let your automobile go for any length of time without changing the oil in the motor or having it overhauled. Why not be as kind to your electrical appliances. Treat them well and they'll repay you with years of good service. Here are a few suggestions which we hope will prove useful:

Refrigerators

Defrost when frost on the unit is one-fourth-inch thick. A heavier coating than this keeps the cold inside the unit and increases cost of operation.

Oil refrigerators that do not have sealed-in mechanism every three to six months with number 20 automobile oil.

Clean the condenser — that part of the mechanism that looks like a finned radiator — with the small nozzle of your vacuum cleaner. A dusty condenser also increases the cost of operation.

If you do not have a vacuum cleaner with the proper nozzle attachment a small brush of any kind may be used. To secure good operation this condenser should be thoroughly cleaned every six months.

Disconnect the refrigerator when you are oiling or cleaning it.

Fill ice trays only to within ¼ inch of top to prevent sticking. And never use a pick or other sharp instrument to remove a stubborn tray.

Clean and sweeten inside of refrigerator with a mild solution of borax or soda and water. Seald freezing trays with borax or soda solution.

Wipe up any spillage immediately, as food acids stain porcelain enamel.

Wash the outside with lukewarm water and mild soap. If the exterior is of lacquer, several good waxings a year will maintain the finish.

Cover all foods to prevent excessive moisture condensation.

Ranges

Clean open units of electric stoves with a soft brush; never use a fork or instrument to remove crumbs.

Treat porcelain enamel gently because it is really glass. So clean the range when it is cool, to prevent cracking or grazing of the enamel finish. Wash porcelain with mild soap and lukewarm water. Remember that the acid in milk, lemons and vinegar leave permanent stains.

Clean the oven thoroughly and often to prevent spilled foods or spattered grease from burning into surface.

Place heavy utensils gently on the units to prevent breaking the fire brick or chipping the enamel.



Season's Greetings to our Friends and Customers



The Spirit of Christmas Giving finds fond expression in these 'considerate' gifts for all the family.

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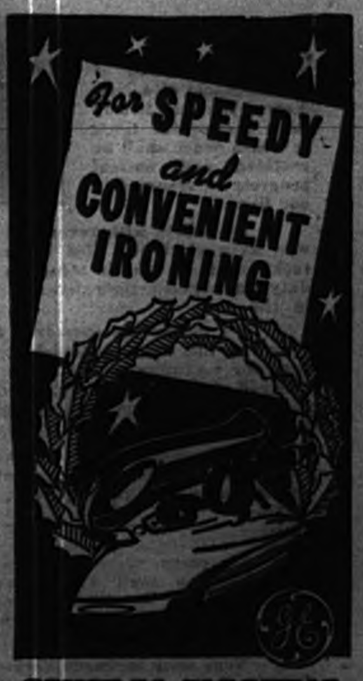


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Protestant Education in the Province of Quebec

A Series of Articles Prepared by the Protestant Committee of the Council of Education

3. Financing the Larger Educational Unit

The first question — a very natural one — is the cost of financing large units in comparison with the present small districts. Will there be a saving or an increase in cost and where will the money come from?

All educational finances are derived from two sources — (1) the local taxes and school fees, (2) government grants.

The small district or municipality with its solitary schools serving tiny settlements naturally shows inequalities of the educational burden due to uneven assessments and valuations of property throughout the Province and consequent uneven tax rates.

Tax rates vary from 2 mills or less to 40 mills on the dollar of valuation. Half of the school municipalities of the Province have tax rates varying from 5 to 15 mills. This state of affairs is entirely unfair.

Assessments or valuations for tax purposes also vary enormously from ⅛ to ⅜ to ⅝ or higher proportions of the real value of property. A central authority would have to correlate the valuations and the tax rates to equalize the burden over the larger unit. And all forms of school fees should be abolished as they are an additional tax on parents and therefore anti-social in their effect.

There is also a high cost per pupil in the decentralized isolated rural school. These schools are so numerous and so small that they are difficult to finance with the result that they can only offer inadequate salaries and can only obtain the poorer type of teacher who is willing to accept a low salary.

The second source of support is from government grants. Many of these are entirely inadequate in the Province of Quebec and undoubtedly should be increased because they compare unfavorably with other provinces and every other country in the British Empire and the United States.

But if government grants are to be augmented, the increase should only be sought and granted where improvement is assured. This assurance can only be given when a determined effort is made to provide facilities over a larger area instead of tiny settlements. At present, some grants are made on an arithmetical basis which means that school boards receive a certain sum per pupil or per teacher. In other cases, grants are made for varying needs or improvements or types of superior schools.

Grants are at present made by the Province for consolidation in Protestant schools. The consolidation movement is simply an attempt to abolish isolated inefficient rural schools and to supply education through a more satisfactory central school. It has received general support from the government. The movement was first adopted in 1905 and was slow at first. The opposition which arose in 1905 has gradually disappeared as the advantages are experienced and learned. One hundred and eighty schools are now consolidated in these central schools of which there are forty-eight now in operation. Thirty-seven of these (77%) have been established in the last sixteen years.

These centralized schools have better buildings, are more hygienic, have better equipment and supplies of all sorts, including libraries. They have better teachers, a better daily attendance and a longer school life for the children. Whereas the former teachers in the 180 rural schools could not be expected to have more than an elementary diploma, at the present time these 48 consolidated schools are staffed by 33 teachers with high school diplomas, 126 with permanent or advanced intermediate diplomas, 15 with advanced elementary diplomas and 31 with elementary diplomas.

Four hundred and eighteen children are now in attendance in Grade 8, 322 in Grade 9, 268 in Grade 10 and 155 in Grade 11. All of these are now getting their high school education in the consolidated intermediate and high schools. Under the district school system, this higher education would not have been available to them.

To help consolidation the government gives generous grants in aid of new school buildings or additions, and transportation costs. The same generous consideration might quite easily be expected from the government in aid of improved education through the medium of larger units because these are merely a further development of educational efficiency through administrative concentration.

The larger administrative unit should not be confused with the consolidated school movement, though it is a further extension of the same principle. Consolidation tries to give equal opportunity to children. Larger areas will not only accomplish this even more efficiently, but will also give equalization of the burden to parents and taxpayers in the larger unit.

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FOUND JUST MOONSHINE

Merton, Eng.—Tests carried out here failed to substantiate a theory that seeds sown when the moon is waxing germinate more quickly than those sown when it is waning.

RIFLE CLUB RIFLED

London (CP) — Three rifles and 400 rounds of ammunition were stolen by thieves who broke into the Wembley Rifle Club.

Seasonal Message from The Hon. G. E. Dansereau, M. L. A. for Argenteuil



With troubled hearts, yet with hopes undaunted, we stand at the threshold of a New Year. We pray it may be a memorable time, in which peace shall be restored and normal progress be resumed in our lives.

We salute with reverence the public servants who have gloriously died in performance of their task, and those who in a humbler but equally noble duty have given their lives — on sea, land, and in the air.

We consecrate ourselves to the only worthy effort at this time — to labor with our hands, to lend our resources, to fight the battle, and to win. Pledged to this purpose, Quebec Province and the County of Argenteuil stand firm with every patriotic citizen and community in Canada.

With sincere wishes for the Christmas season, and for the fulfilment of our national and personal ambitions in the coming year.

Le coeur serré mais cependant confiants, nous voici au seuil d'une nouvelle année. Nous souhaitons que ce soit une année mémorable au cours de laquelle la paix sera restaurée et nos vies résumeront leur cours normal.

Nous nous inclinons respectueusement devant la mémoire de nos hommes publics qui sont morts glorieusement dans l'éxécution de leur fonction; le meme hommage s'adresse à ceux qui sont mort aussi glorieusement, mais dans l'obscurité, en faisant leur devoir, sur mer, sur terre et dans les airs.

Nous nous consacrons au seul effort qui vaille au temps présent: le travail de nos mains et l'emploi de nos resources pour mener la bataille et obtenir la victoire.

Voués à ce but, la province de Québec et le comté d'Argenteuil se dressent résolument au côté des citoyens patriotes de tous les coins du Canada.

J'offre à tous et à chacun mes meilleurs souhaits à l'occasion de Noël et puisse le nouvel an voir nos aspirations nationales et personnelles, satisfaites.

—GEORGES-E. DANSEREAU

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Greetings — Bons Souhaits

To our fellow townsmen, the best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

A tous nos concitoyens, nos meilleurs souhaits de santé, de prosperité et de bonheur.

The Mayor and Council of Lachute Town

Le Maire et Les Echevins de Lachute

Good health, good friends, good fortune! Thanking our customers for past favors, and anticipating a mutually pleasant relationship in the year ahead.

Jas. Derouin

Merchant St. Philippe

We share that wholesome good will that exists among our townsfolk, and we are grateful to them for their confidence expressed in every business dealing.

Geo. Licop Sr.

Foundry St. Tailor Phone 389-J

We thank our past customers — but would not limit our thanks to mere words. We hope for the privilege of serving them again, and often, to express our feeling in the very best this establishment can offer.

A. Ethier

Butcher Bethany St.

To those who have favored us with their patronage in the past year — we extend our appreciation and the heartiest Season's Greetings.

Ethier Express

Daily Service, Montreal-Lachute
Warehouse, 124 Grace St.

Merry Christmas

and a New Year to bring more joy and happiness than you dare to hope for!

G. R. Campbell

Merchant Bell Falls
Phone Arundel 2 r 2-4

Assets — liabilities — at the year's end. In this annual recording, we feel rich in the good will and friendship of our many customers. Our thanks go out to them, for their loyal patronage.

Jas. A. Hay, Dairy

Fresh Supplies Courteous Attention
Lachute

Memory is an album which chronicles the past. In its pages for 1941 there are many happy highlights — each the record of some friendly contact. We cannot live them over again, but we trust the dawning year will be rich in the repetition of such pleasant associations.

Argenteuil Bazaar Store

Phone 156 Main St.

Perhaps we do not dwell long enough on the "thank-you's"; maybe our efforts are bent too earnestly to fill your needs and meet your personal tastes . . . Believe us now, our appreciation is as sincere as our desire to serve!

Gregoire Raymond

Butcher West End

Happy Days!

Every day brings pleasure in our privilege to serve you.
We anticipate the continuance of your patronage.

Dominion Stores

A. McDonald, Mgr. Main Street, Lachute

Fellowship

It sharpens the zest of life, and dulls the edge of care. Can we, then, regret the daily toil that brings us into fellowship with you, our neighbor-citizens? . . . We greet you, one and all, with a hearty hand-shake and a Merry Christmas!

J. A. Campbell

Lumber Merchant Dalesville

To regard our neighbors as mere business prospects, would be materialistic. But to meet a friend and feel that we have contributed some service to his comfort welfare and satisfaction, leaves a glow of pardonable joy. —And gratitude, too; for our livelihood depends on service to others.

Joseph Assaly

Drygoods Store 247B Main Street

"Aim at accomplishing great things, but in the effort see that the small things are well done". To the business entrusted with us, whether big or small, we have given of our best. Every customer commands our attentive service — and our warm appreciation.

Urg. Quesnel

Shoe Repairs Main St.

It's Yours, It's Ours

—this community we live in. And we appreciate the pleasant relations that have been our mutual contribution to the home-town harmony.

Alcidas Laurin

Building Contractor Phone 599-J

Health and Happiness! We cannot wish you more — for wealth, without either, would be a tasteless morsel. . . . . Our sincere Christmas Greetings.

Albani Lamarche

Phone 313 Main St.

To all our friends within hailing distance — and to their cherished sons, brothers and cousins serving with the Forces — our sincere good wishes at this season.

Frank Earle

Jeweler Phone 140

Peace —

may be a long way off; and the Prosperity we enjoy these days may be ill-founded, on the false stimulation of war's demands . . . . But here's hoping for better days; may you share in their joys and pleasures, right soon.

Lido Restaurant

Provincial Transport Bus Terminal
Main Street Lachute.

Bright lights . . . Cheery countenances . . . We trust that our business approach has reflected the pleasure we feel, in our privilege to serve. To this gladness we add, at this season, our heartfelt gratitude.

Rubin's Store

Outfitters to the Family Main St., Lachute

Our Aim

is to merit your confidence in reliable and courteous attention. If we have achieved that end, we thank you for the opportunity of having served you. And we trust this pleasure will continue through the coming year.

Graham's Dairy

Geo. Graham, Prop. Grace Street, Lachute

Good Cheer!

As we have brightened your home surroundings, may our association with you prove a bright spot in the contacts of your daily life. Our thanks again, and all good wishes.

Lachute Upholstering Reg'd

Aimé Trudel Main St. W., Lachute

Monuments of principle and good living are evidenced in the give-and-take of small town doings. We are happy to share the neighborliness, the friendship, the loyal support which make life worth living in this Canada of ours.

North River Motors Ltd.

Dodge, DeSoto Dealers Main Street, Lachute

Not ultra-modern — not out-of-date — just keeping well apace with the times; 'tis thus we have built our business on substantial and progressive lines. And on the keynote of good service we treasure still those friendships we have enjoyed for many long years.

Claude St. Jacques

Painter, Sign Writer Foundry Street

With that example of optimism in the suffering masses of Britain, and in our soldier lads away from home, how can WE be downhearted! Here's to them — and to you — and to a happy outcome in the dawning year.

Gordon's Garage

Service & Repairs Brownsburg, Que.

Once Again,

Our thanks and sincere greetings at this Festive Season.

J. R. A. Carignan

Plasterer Phone 43 Lachute Mills

Business is inevitably linked with sentiment. As its scope and activity increases, so are friendships cemented more firmly . . . . We thank those customers whose support we have enjoyed in the past year.

W. J. Graham

Stationery Patent Medicines Novelties
Cor. Main & Maple Ave., Brownsburg

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Past customers are a bright spot in my memory. Altho' not now in business, I expect to re-establish before long. (—Now residing next to the Post Office).

JOYEUX NOEL, BONNE ANNEE.

A présent je prends repos, en pensant aux clients des années passées —avec l'idée de revenir. (—Ceux qui désirent me voir, passez au côté du bureau de poste).

Mrs. M. A. Belanger

10 rue Bethany street, Lachute.

In Brief!

"Brevity's the soul of wit" — so just
A Merry Christmas!

U. Nadon

Up-to-date Jeweller Bethany Street

Season's Greetings — and sincere thanks to all my customers.

Souhaits de Noël — et sincères remerciements à tous mes clients.

P.-E. Lafleur

Cabinet Maker Meubles Elizabeth St.

With the Compliments of the Season and all Good Wishes.

Avec les Compliments de la Saison et les Meilleurs Souhaits.

Rex & Capitol Theatres

Lachute — Brownsburg

Thanking all our customers, and assuring them of our best consideration in the coming year— With wishes warm and true — for your pleasure this Christmastide and your welfare till the next!

Salon Louise

226 Main St. Phone 306

These Words

speak volumes, for our sentiments at this season ring deep and true. Please accept our gratitude and our heartiest wishes.

Romeo Giroux

Butcher, Grocer 78 Main W. Phone 109

Many happy Yuletides have we shared with our good neighbors and customers. We hope this festive season may prove the merriest yet!

Canada Café

278 Main Phone 308 W
Chinese dishes are our specialty!

Step by step, the years lead onward to the mellow stages of life. But we're enjoying every minute; for each business-day renews old friendships and binds us closer to this grand community.

G. I. McFaul

Merchant Brownsburg, 312

Success

lies not alone in initiative. Much depends on the "breaks" — the opportunity — the public support. Some consider this a factor of "luck"; we call it good sportsmanship, and we thank each customer for the encouragement of his business in the past.

A. Lacasse

Dairyman Brownsburg, Que.

You have given us the opportunity to serve . . . Christmas now gives us the occasion to thank you heartily and to wish you — the Best.

Lachute Electric

J. A. Pregent, Prop. Bethany St., Lachute

May your tomorrows be still brighter than your yesterdays — mellowed by the friendships you have made along the path of years.

Lucien St. Jacques

Sash and Door Factory Lachute Mills

The Time o' Day

To pass the time o' day in a commonplace transaction, is like spice to the pudding and sparkle to the brew . . . ! For the happy relations that gladden our daily dealings, we thank you with all our heart.

Atlantic & Pacific

Wilfrid Raymond, Mgr.
Main St. Lachute.

Something to Learn

There's a lesson to learn in the tragedy of these times. How often in the days of peace we thought the world had "gone completely to the dogs". But NOW — how we long for them good ole days! . . . Here's our wish for peace and happiness to you, in the coming year.

Edgar Pollock

Garage Brownsburg

Have you known friendship — health — contentment, in the year that's past? May the future bring you these, and all earth's joys, in greater measure.

H. D. Graves

Grocery, Flour & Feed Store
Maple Ave., S. Brownsburg

Still in winter we recall the warmth of summer days. —The thought of underlying friendship is equally cheering in the round of daily business dealings. Our hearty greetings!

Farmer Brown's Service Station

Phone 472 Brownsburg Rd.

The past and the present — justify our optimism for the future; for time is ill spent that builds not friendship to brighten life's journey. We hope you, too, will meet happiness in every business and social venture.

Reg. Courtien

Agent for Harrison Bros.' P.O.M. Bakery

Small-Town Sincerity

In this troubled world we wish there might be more of the neighborliness which lightens our business load. We count ourselves fortunate in the good will of our patrons.

Venus Drugstore - Café

Restaurant, Soda Fountain Main St., Lachute

Historical Museum at Carillon Barracks Draws Thousands of Sightseers During the Season

One of the most attractive and interesting places to visit in the whole Ottawa Valley is the Historical Museum in the old barracks at Carillon. Beautifully situated on the north shore of the Ottawa River, it commands a marvellous view up and down the Ottawa for miles.

The building is solidly constructed of local limestone and was erected in 1828 by the Royal Engineers from England. It was intended for a barracks to accomodate a small force of officers and men as a guard for the Carillon Canal, which was regarded as of military importance as a link in the waterway between Upper and Lower Canada. It is a beautiful example of military architecture of the earlier 19th Century and is as solid and secure as when it was built. It was used as a barracks for about 15 years and during the Rebellion of 1837-39 it housed 108 soldiers and a corresponding number of officers. Since then it has been used for a variety of purposes, such as a school, a private residence and finally as a summer hotel, the Sovereign Hotel. The building finally came into the possession of Felix Hungerbuhler as part of the extensive Bellevue Estate and was generously donated by him to the Historical Society for use as a museum.

The Historical Society of Argenteuil County was founded in 1935, largely through the efforts of the late Dr. Benjamin N. Wales of St. Andrews East, actively assisted by a number of residents of the County. It was designed for the study of the early history of the county, for the preservation of ancient landmarks and relics of the early inhabitants of the district. Through the assistance of the Federal Government, the barracks was put in first class repair and opened as a Historical Museum in 1938.

The original structure of the building has been preserved and the large rooms fitted up with show cases, etc., for the pleasing display of a truly remarkable collection of historic objects. Of special interest are the exhibit of Indian relics, the display of old home-made French furniture in the great kitchen, the Victorian Room dedicated to the memory of Sir J. J. C. Abbott, and the collection of early pioneer imported furniture. The local animals, plants and minerals of the county are well represented, especially noteworthy being the display of local birds and their nests and eggs. The Guard Room in the basement, with its display of early farm implements and hunting equipment, attracts much attention.

The Museum has been visited by many thousands of sightseers and tourists and is rapidly becoming one of the well known attractions of Eastern Canada.

Financing the Larger Educational Unit

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If every city such as Montreal had a separate school for every ward, some wards would have no need for a school at all; others which are the districts for city homes, would have large schools; and the poorer districts would have the heaviest and indeed most intolerable burden. The larger country area is intended to do for a group of counties what a centralized city school board does for the city with thirty or forty wards and thus gives rural children as good educational facilities as city children.

Another outcome is the provision of better facilities for children through (a) better placement of schools, (b) better placement of pupils, (c) better selection and placement of teachers, (d) better types of higher schools, and (e) abolition of "non-resident" fees and indeed of all school fees.

This brings us to our original question — "What will it cost?' In some poorer districts, with a heavy load at present, the burden would probably be less, but in other districts where the present assessments and taxes are low, the cost would be greater. The result, however, would be a more even distribution of the costs over a larger area with consequent greater efficiency of administration.

But one should remember that the present costs as a whole could scarcely be reduced if a better system is to be provided.

The organization of these areas and estimates of costs depend entirely on existing conditions within each new area. Problems in the Eastern Townships and the Huntingdon district will be different from those in the Pontiac and Gaspé areas. No specific or exact figures can be given that will be valid for all new areas in the Province.

In several, or, indeed, in many or all of the new districts, it is likely that the total local burden may now be all the area can bear. Pressure should be brought to bear on the government for additional support for any improvements rising out of these changes.

Opposition to the larger units will disappear in the same way as opposition to the principle of consolidation, and the people will be more satisfied if they have to pay more because they will be getting more for their money.

GOOD FOR THE IRISH

London (CP) — Forty-six airmen of the R.A.F., born in Eire, neutral half of the Emerald Isle, have won 55 decorations since war started, including a V.C., five D.S.O.'s, 25 D.F.C.'s and 10 D.F.M.'s.

Jas. W. McGibbon, M.P. to Constituents in the County of Argenteuil



To friends in Argenteuil, and to those now serving their country in Canada or abroad, I take occasion to convey this personal greeting through the pages of The Watchman.

On behalf of the cause and the country which they serve, to our young men and women in national service I voice the gratitude of their Government . . . And equally, to the men and women engaged in war industry, I impress the honor and urgency of their calling, and the unceasing need of their devotion. . . . Lastly, to my fellow Canadians in the communities of this county, the need of the hour is for clear, patriotic thinking; compliance with all restrictions that have been imposed for our national security; and unstinted lending of our dollars to the war effort.

Together with my sincere Compliments of the Season, I submit these obligations to you who have appointed me your representative, the good people of Argenteuil. — And so, in playing our part conscientiously, we may look with confidence for Brighter Days in 1942!

A mes amis d'Argenteuil aussi bien qu'à ceux qui servent le pays de l'autre côté des mers et sur notre sol même, je saisis l'occasion que me fournit le "Watchman" de leur faire parvenir mes meilleurs souhaits.

Pour la cause et pour le pays qu'ils servent, au nom du Gouvernement, je remercie ces hommes et ces femmes engagés au service du pays. Egalement, je rappelle aux hommes et femmes au travail dans les industries de guerre, ce que leur travail a d'honorant et de vital et le zèle qu'il doivent y apporter. Enfin, à mes concitoyens de ce comté, je rappelle que dans le moment ce qui est essentiel c'est de penser clairement en patriote, de se soumettre aux restrictions jugées nécessaires à notre salut national et de contribuer, sans limite, aux emprunts de guerre.

Avec les souhaits d'usage, je souligne ses devoirs à la loyale population d'Argenteuil qui a bien voulu me délégué au Parlement; que chacun de nous accomplisse consciencieusement sa tâche et 1942 nous apportera des jours meilleurs.

—JAMES W. McGIBBON

PLEASURE PRECEDES BUSINESS IN THESE ANNUAL GREETINGS

Accept herewith our sincere greetings and grateful thanks.

Veuillez agréer les souhaits les plus sincères et nos remerciements de votre patronage.

Jos. Belanger
Painter, Peintre — 64 Robert St.

Good friends you have met, happy times you have enjoyed, and good food — within our doors on past occasions.

We thank you and wish you pleasures a hundredfold this Christmas.

Spinning Wheel Tea Room
E. Blomquist, Prop. — Main St., Lachute

Have We Served?

Have we served with satisfaction in your daily needs? . . It is our fond hope that our courtesy and friendship may likewise have counted, in making your days and dealings more pleasant. We extend our thanks and Christmas greetings.

MacKimmie Bakery
J. A. MacKimmie, Prop. Main St. W., Lachute

Old Memories

—Let us take them as an inspiration. If the past is any guide to the future, peace and content will flourish again and time will heal the scars of war . . . There'll always be an England —as surely as there'll always be a Christmas to gladden our hearts.

Farmers' Supply Co.
84 Foundry St. — Telephone 384

New Ideals

come with the dawning of another year. Our objectives are even higher, for on the principle of alert service we have made a host of friends. We thank them one and all.

Beaton's Pharmacy
Phone 164 — Main St.

Thanks again for your loyal support.
We trust we have "filled the bill"
in courtesy and service.
Our best wishes!

Jim Duncan Service Station
Gas, Oil, Motor Tune-Up, Greasing, Washing
Champlain Oil Products, Main Street, Lachute

Not in mighty institutions — not in mass production enterprises — do you find that sentiment which adds zest to business. It's here, in the home-town stores and industries . . . We are grateful for that friendly approach, and to the customers who share it with us day by day.

Geo. Paul
Grocery, Drygoods — Main St., Lachute

Strange Times

Strange times we are living in. The turmoil of events might well discourage us. But let this season recall, there are still sentiments of charity and love and fellowship at the core of human society. It's a cheering thought . . . Our warmest greetings and thanks, to you.

A. D. McGibbon & Sons
Lumber Merchants — Lachute Mills

Mid-Winter

brings wistful thoughts of summer-time . . . The modern pace brings back our longing for the "good old days" . . . Yet, then — and now — and all the time —there's friendship to make life pleasant.. —We greet our friends sincerely at this festive season.

W. M. Scott
Main St. — Monumental Masons — Lachute

There's A War On!

It's war-time. There are luxuries we can do without. But this old custom of greeting one's friends with a rollicking sentiment — old Hitler cannot dampen our ardor in THAT diversion. So here's a hearty wish to you—and you—and you!

Rene Paul Raymond
Grocer, Butcher — Lachute

No Black-Out!

No sinister cloud, no brutal threat can eclipse the sentiment of Christmas . . . If there were MORE of that sentiment, there would be no war. So here's to the charity and cheeriness of the festive season; may you share its joys in generous measure!

J. E. Walker
Insurance — Phone 918 r 2

Through the anxieties of wartime, good neighbors stick loyally to that attitude of fellowship and understanding which alone can save the world . . . . We like to do our share and spread the spirit of good will. Our best to you, at Christmas time and all year 'round.

Assad's Store
Phone 177 — Main St.

Good Health!

They're linking the theme of national health with national survival. We must be healthy to win the Victory . . . We have confidence in the foods we sell; we commend these wholesome products to your use — at at this festive time we wish you—Health and Contentment through the coming year!

Stephens' Grocery
Provisions, Dairy Supplies — Main St., Lachute

It's a privilege we cherish — to furnish a service so closely linked with every phase of your activity. And whereas this service affords courtesy and consideration, so we feel ourselves associated in friendship with your daily doings. We thank you, and greet you today as friends.

Gatineau Power Co.
Electric Light Service, Giles Block, Main Street.

Good wishes to old friends in Lachute and district, and our sincere thanks for their support. In the selection of our products and accessories, we assure keen consideration to the needs of car drivers in all seasons.

MacRae Motor Sales & Service
Plymouth, Chrysler Dealer, Main Street, Lachute

Harmony

Of French and English speaking citizens alike, we think the kindly thoughts and cherish the good-will born of mutually happy contacts. Our thanks to all.

H. Filfe
Merchant Tailor — Main St., Lachute

Day in, day out — the routine of service would be dull, but for the human touch which enters all transactions. Our clients bring a friendliness which makes this round a pleasure. — In the same friendly spirit, our thanks and greetings at this time.

Desjardins Hotel
H. E. Desjardins, Prop. — Main Street, Lachute

A Wish, a Message

It has been a privilege to serve you, and in the coming year we solicit your continued patronage . . . Our thanks and hearty wishes for the Christmas season.

R. McArthur & Son
Plumbers, Heating Experts — 144 Main Street

Greetings

The approach of Christmas brings with it our appreciation of your patronage.

P. E. Leger
Barber, Hairdresser — Main Street, Lachute

We hope we may continue to serve you faithfully and well, making life easier and happier by the service we render.

Nous souhaitons de continuer à vous servir fidèlement, en vous rendant la vie plus agréable par le service que nous fournissons.

Lachute Creamery
H. Lamarche, Prop. — Water St., Lachute

There are hardships and tragedies a-plenty in this war. But in tribute to the courageous souls who bear the brunt of its burden, let it never be said that Christmas finds us downhearted . . . To them, to you — happier days!

Gall & Jones
Insurance — Phone 491-W

Service — Friendship

In rendering loyal service, we cherish the friendship we receive in return . . . Our thanks and season's greetings to all.

Z. Harbour
Drugstore — Phone 332

Neighbors!

As we share with you the daily exchanges of business, we share alike the social adjuncts of this town — the fellowship, the charity, the community work . . . Our wishes greet you now, as both a customer and a friend.

J. P. MacKimmie & Sons
Cascade Bottling Works — Foundry St., Lachute

It's an annual custom — but don't think our "Merry Christmas" is just a matter of being conventional. We send you our greeting — and our thanks — with a depth of real sincerity.

Campbell's Reg'd
Feed, Provisions, Dairy Supplies. — Main St.

Thanks!

—And our appreciation of your support rings louder and longer than a mere word on our lips. We are sincerely grateful for your patronage and good will. Our warmest greetings at this season.

H. M. Lavigne
General Merchant — Lachute Mills

Our Best

is none too good for service to the friends and customers we cherish. Our pledge of continued loyalty; our sincere festive greetings to you and yours.

Muir Bros.
Service Station — Main Street

A Toast!

Your health! 'Tis a time-honored toast, and we feel we cannot wish you more.

McOuat's Dairy
Ken McOuat, Prop. — Lachute

A cheery word illuminates the common round of business. The "Merry Christmas" we wish you today — is sincere in the recollection of many happy contacts through the year that's past.

Russell Rodgers
Farm Implements — Lachute, Que.

A Link of Friendship

A link from home to home, a bridge from year to year, is the home-town newspaper. We value the role which is our lot in this community; our readers, correspondents and advertisers are friends whom we salute with true appreciation. Our thanks and hearty greetings!

The Lachute Watchman
Publishers and Staff

Our anticipations for the future are as joyous as our memories of the past. — In both, we cherish the friends who have encouraged us with their support.

Don Fletcher
Main St. — Barber — Lachute

This Festive Season,

the proprietor and staff take pleasure in greeting you, and thanking you sincerely.

Lachute Dry Cleaning
Eug. L'Heureux, Prop. — Rear Desjardins Hotel

Often as we have called at your door, should we not cherish your acquaintance and wish you now the Season's Greetings? —Our thanks and good wishes to all.

Lachute Bakery
J. A. Menard, Prop. — Phone 106

Investments

We share with you the material investments of a thriving town — the thoroughfares, the utilities, the public buildings; but we value most the spirit of fellow-citizenship, not measured in dollars and cents. We greet you with these finer sentiments, as a good neighbor and friend.

John McFaul & Son
Hardware, Clothing & Sports Outfitters

Our windows, shelves and counters are gay with the spirit of Christmas . . . . But, be it Easter or Thanksgiving, we always pride ourselves on catering to the season. Even our sentiments ring true with the times; so now, friends, it's a— Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!

Leonard 5c — $1 Store
Leonard Bedard, Prop. — Main St., Lachute

Things move fast these days — and furious. None can tell what another year may bring . . . We wish you luck, and the spirit of this Christmastide continuing through every day of 1942. So may happiness be yours.

H. Pariseau
Meat & Provisions — Lachute & Brownsburg

Thank you for your Confidence. —And have you thought, how Confidence is the foundation of everything pleasant in human associations? Our wishes for your happiness this Christmastime ring true and sincere.

Deslauriers & Rozon
Insurance — Bedard Blvd.

From Us, to You

Health, happiness, prosperity — we wish you these in generous measure. Thanking our customers for their continued support.

The Lunch Car
Bill Blakely, Prop. — Main Street, Lachute

Then catch the moments as they fly,
And use them as ye ought, man;
Believe me, happiness is shy,
And comes not, ay, when sought man.
—Robert Burns

Our season's greetings—May happiness be yours.

Geo. Licop
Tailoring, Repairs — Main St. Lachute

"Ship the Safe Way!"

—Your resolution for the New Year . . . And our holiday wish, is the same old "Merry Christmas"!

Boyd's Lachute Express Ltd.
N. W. Boyd, Pres. — Robert St., Lachute

The Year Wanes

But our purpose remains — to merit your satisfaction in considerate service . . . Our thanks and sincere good wishes to all.

Geo. Y. Deacon
Tinsmith, Hardware, Auto Dealer, Lachute Mills

Peace, Friendship

If small-town neighborliness could rule the world, this old planet might be a happier sphere today!

We wish our friends and customers a Merry Christmas and a Glad New Year.

Cousineau Regd.
Wholesaler — Phone 592

Quality goods last long after the price is forgotten . . . So do our friendly sentiments outlive this Christmas season.

J. W. Lefebvre
Radios, Furniture — Main St., Lachute

We solicit

the privilege to serve you in the future as we have served you in the past. Our warm thanks and the season's greetings.

M. G. Assaly
Bargain Store — 155 Main St.

British Columbia Police Force, Older than Famed 'Mounties', Breeds Crack-Shot Marksmen

Oldest Territorial Police Force in North America

By INSPECTOR G. CLARK

To the Easterner "out where the West begins" may mean any point between Winnipeg and Regina but the British Columbian knows that the West—the real West—means west of the Rockies. Out there the Provincial Police Force has been making history for over three-quarters of a century. It's the oldest territorial police force in North America, antedating the famous Royal Canadian Mounted Police by about fourteen years!

Fur traders and trappers, miners and stage drivers, sailors, loggers, railwaymen and fishermen filled the early western picture with all the glamorous pageantry of frontier pioneering, and running like a golden thread through the pattern of early struggles, failures and successes is the story of the British Columbia Police. Aiding the weak, curbing the lawless and upholding the law with fearless distinction, the Force today numbers about four hundred and fifty picked custodians of public order, patrolling 366,000 square miles of territory, from the sub-Arctic to the United States border, from the Rockies to the Pacific Ocean. While northern British Columbia still holds some of the lure of the last frontier, the Pacific Coast province has marched steadily ahead and its provincial police force has kept step with its progress. In up-to-date methods of crime detention, traffic control and personnel training, in all the varied aspects of a modern police organization, progress has been the keynote. For instance, its shortwave radio network, established eleven years ago, was the first of its kind on the continent and is still the only system of its kind in Canada. Whether it's the climate that promotes this feverish desire to excel or inordinate pride in their Province, British Columbia's policemen do things with a will. And one of the things in which they excell is revolver shooting!

The inspiration for the extraordinary brand of police marksmanship developed on the Pacific slope was J. A. Young, at the moment a sergeant in the Force's Criminal Investigation Branch at Victoria. As a boy Young attended school in Alberta and took an interest in small bore rifle shooting. He became so expert that the principal of the school prophesied that, if Master Young stayed with his shooting, he would one day be one of Canada's top-flight marksmen.

Like many another young Albertan, Young came to the Coast, settled in North Vancouver and eventually joined that city's police force. He still kept up his interest in shooting and qualified for a place on the team which officially represented his province at the annual Dominion of Canada Rifle Association matches for four consecutive years between 1933 and 1936, but he was only able to attend at Ottawa the first year. However, he acquitted himself creditably among the country's finest rifle shots on that occasion and he entered his first big revolver competition. He amazed everyone including himself, by winning the Open Canadian Revolver Championship. The North Vancouver Police were absorbed by the Provincial Police in 1934 and Constable Young was assigned to an interior detachment. But his prowess as a marksman earmarked him for further public service and it wasn't long before he was given the task of organizing systematic revolver practice for the whole Force. He patterned his program after that of the Los Angeles Police, long-time leaders among the continent's skilled shots.

Travelling from division to division, Young laid the groundwork for an intense interest in revolver shooting and it was natural that many who had been prepared for perfunctory practice became enthused with the possibilities of a new hobby. After preliminary instruction, every man on the Force had to fire the Camp Perry police course twice a year. The course calls for ten deliberate shots, ten shots timed and ten shots rapid, at twenty-five yards with a service arm. In the time-fire stage each string of five shots is fired within twenty seconds and in the rapid-fire each five-shot string must leave the gun within ten seconds. Those who qualified as marksmen —and there were one hundred and thirty-five the first year — had to score 190 out of a possible 300 By the second year 287 had won the coveted badge — and thirteen of them qualified with scores of 275 or better!

Such was the enthusiasm of the men for revolver shooting as a sport that arrangements were completed whereby the men, in addition to their annual issue of ammunition, were enabled to secure additional revolver loads at cost from the Force, with the result that the shooting ability of the Force reached new heights of marksmanship. Then the war and its attendant economies in the national interest brought a curtailment. But the work had been done.

These police revolver enthusiasts were becoming crack marksmen and naturally they were looking for competition. Here and there they were assisting in the formation of clubs. Within a year or so the four or five clubs had increased in number to over twenty. From ofurteen to sixteen clubs have entered recent annual shoots of the B.C. Revolver League, indicative of the B.C. Indoor Championship. For six years now a British Columbia Police revolver team has held the B.C. Open Team Championship and for four years the Indoor Championship. Each midsummer the men have annexed their fair share of medals and trophies across the United States border. In the 1938 Chief Constables Competition, sponsored by Dominion Marksmen, senior and tyro five-man teams took top provincial and Dominion honors. They repeated the tale next year, the tyro's taking the Dominion Open. On this occasion one of the seniors took second place for high individual honors in the coast-to-coast event.



PIPE FED, 49 to a plate, these cartridge cases are filled automatically with a fraction of an ounce of smokeless powder each and pass on to have their bullets fitted.

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Behind the "Dominion" Ammunition Division of Canadian Industries Limited lie years of intensive effort to provide the very finest and most dependable product that modern science and industry can produce, and, in spite of the difficulty of marketing in a country of vast distances and scattered population, to offer that product to the general public at a reasonable price.

Long and intimate knowledge of the needs of sportsmen and trappers throughout Canada and other parts of the world has guided every new development sponsored by the Division. The fact that nine out of ten sportsmen in Canada use "Dominion" Ammunition is a clear indication that dealers as well as users have appreciated the sincerity of the Company's efforts and found it profitable to purchase its products.

The first object of the Division is, and always has been, to make that quality of ammunition which will command a ready acceptance through its own merit. To this end the most advanced scientific methods of manufacture have been followed. Ballistic engineers, chemists and other highly trained technicians are constantly exploring those avenues of science which might lead to increased accuracy and better performance. The Company's close co-operation with its associates in the United States and Great Britain has made available every new discovery and new method or process that has been proved practical and reliable in these countries.

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1. Waterproof Shot Shells — finished in "Duco"
2. "Super-Clean Non-corrosive Priming
3. "Dry Lubricated" .22's
4. "Power Pattern"
5. "New Crimp" Shot Shells

Not content with these things alone, the Division has developed an intensive system of testing so that standards of quality may be constantly maintained. Every operation along the line of production is under constant inspection. Tolerances are checked down to a thousandth part of an inch and in some cases down to a ten-thousandth part. Shot shells and cartridges turned out from the machines are taken at random for testing purposes. Some of these are fired through guns and rifles set in fixed rests to check accuracy. Others are fired for pressure tests in pressure recording guns or over chronographs to check velocity. Others again are fired at targets by a staff of highly trained marksmen who must report upon their performance under actual field conditions In these tests all kinds and conditions of guns and rifles are used, some with weak springs, some with variations in head space, in order to ascertain exactly how the ammunition will function in the various types of firearms in general use.

It is not surprising that this testing and gauging of the ammunition is the most expensive single item in its cost of manufacture, but in this way the Division has a clear and accurate knowledge of not only what its product is, but, what is perhaps more important, what its product can do.

No matter for what specific purpose ammunition may be required, there is a standard "Dominion" line specially produced to give the greatest possible service. Sales representatives have aimed to keep constantly in touch with sportsmen and sporting organizations. Not only do they talk hunting but they go hunting. They actively participate at trap and skeet competitions, rub shoulder to shoulder with the contestants on the firing line and help to promote and keep up enthusiasm in all shooting activities. Many of them are expert gun, rifle and revolver shots, all of them are well versed in the intricacies of ammunition requirements.

Proved by the Triple Test

In the Factory. Accuracy to a ten-thousandth part of an inch is a standard requirement in the making of "Dominion" High Velocity Cartridges. Constant inspection and exacting tests prove every operation. Master dies check the functioning of every machine. In this way every phase of manufacture is brought to a basis of exact ballistic science.

On the Test Range. In the Ballistic Laboratory thousands of rounds are fired from fixed rifles or under 'field' conditions. This exacting form of testing assures absolute dependability and guarantees the finest ammunition it is possible to produce.

In the Field. Years of everyday use from the Arctic circle down to the tropic jungles have proved the reliability of "Dominion". Experienced hunters and trappers have shown their enthusiasm by demanding it for every kind of game.

Dominion Marksmen

In twenty-five years thousands of Canadians enrolled in this Dominion-wide body. Among them have been leaders in business, finance and the professions. Many have commenced their association at the age of twelve or thirteen years. Many of them are far past middle age.

For any man or boy, woman or girl who finds pleasure in shooting there is a welcome place in this national brotherhood. Applicants find but one general rule — the rule of good sportsmanship.

Whether shooting with an inexpensive sporting rifle or the finest target rifle or revolver, whether setting sights on a standing target or testing speed and aim at Trap or Skeet, each will enjoy the fellowship of thousands of sportsmen who find, in shooting, the supreme thrill, the sport in which every man is king.

Membership in Dominion Marksmen is free to all. Targets of regulation specifications are issued to any group of five or more members. Regular contests are organized in which prizes of gold, silver and bronze badges as well as silver spoons and other valuable trophies are awarded. Marksmanship armbands are issued to Skeet and Trap shooters for outstanding performance.



SILVER BULLETS made of a nickel alloy and filled with lead or a tracer compound. Every bullet is carefully inspected before it is passed for insertion in the cartridge case for rifles and machine-guns.

Ammunition Goes to War; Ace-High Performance Required In Canadian Made Cartridges

Painstaking Care, Rigid Inspection And Multiple Tests

"TRIAL BY FIRE" — J. HARWOOD-JONES

Everyone is aware of the great effort being made to increase the volume of war materials flowing from our factories to the fighting fronts of the world. With time the ally of none but the swift, speed — and more speed — is demanded. But Canada's effort to increase the quantity of her war production is not being made at the expense of the quality of the materials being produced. Though few are aware of it, in the manufacture of at least one war product — cartridges —almost as much money is spent on testing and checking the parts and the finished product as is spent on production itself.

Fighter pilots and air gunners have but a split second to do their jobs for which they are sent into the air. When they press the trigger that sends a burst of thousands of bullets towards their target they are putting their trust in little groups of men and women of whose existence they have probably never heard. All their training and all the science that has gone into the production of their craft could avail them nothing if their guns should jam or their ammunition prove defective or inaccurate.

At a little town in Quebec about fifty miles from Montreal, an echo of the sky battles of Europe is heard constantly. It is the only place in Canada, outside of the Government arsenal north of Quebec City, where rifle and machine-gun fire is heard day and night. Thousands of rounds of ball and tracer ammunition are fired here daily on an outdoor range and in a ballistic laboratory. This activity has but one purpose — that the quality of the ammunition produced here in the plant of Defence Industries Limited, wartime subsidiary of C-I-L, may deserve the trust of the airmen whose lives may depend upon it.

No individual, no machine, no material is trusted to maintain quality or efficiency in the plant. At least one per cent of the total ammunition produced here is used in tests. When new processes of manufacture are introduced, as high as ten per cent of the initial production may be taken for testing and, when the manufacture of tracer bullets was started there, thirty per cent of the initial output went to laboratories and the range. Tests in a small arms ammunition plant may be likened to the tests and examinations given Royal Canadian Air Force pilots from the time they go to a recruiting centre until they get their wings and enter active service overseas. A would-be pilot is first given a medical examination, his educational and other documents are examined and he is interviewed by a recruiting officer. If everything is found in order and nothing is discovered which would mark him as unsuitable for pilot material, he is sent to a manning depot for six week's drill and discipline under the constant supervision of men competent to weed out the unfit. Similarly, the material that goes into the making of military cartridges is inspected and undergoes rigid chemical tests before it is approved for the first stage in the manufacturing process. Endless rigid tests and painstaking inspections accompany all the ninety-nine operations required in the manufacture of .303 ball cartridges and the 116 for .303 flame tracer cartridges. In the metallurgical laboratory the crystal structure of the metal is examined at every stage to discover any possible flaw that may appear, due to the stresses and strains undergone during the manufacturing process. Gauges, scales, chemical baths and machines are used to discover such things as deviations from correct size and weight, cracks or weak spots and to test the grip of the cartridge case on the bullet.

The Link trainer, that marvellous machine used to train pilots to fly on the ground and to test their reactions at the controls of a plane, comes into the picture of a pilot's training when he leaves the manning depot and enters an initial training school. No quirk in a future pilot's reactions to flying conditions goes unnoticed. The ballistic laboratory at the D.I.L. plant, a one storey, T-shaped brick building which existed in peacetime as part of C-I-L's regular equipment for testing "Dominion" ammunition may be compared with the Link trainer. Here, bullets are fired down a 100-yard enclosed range and queer electrically-operated instruments record their performance from the time the cartridge primer is struck until the bullet buries itself in its tiny target a fraction of a second later. Two machines called chronographs, which look almost as complicated as the instrument panel of an air plane, drop weights as the cartridge is fired and the fall of these weights enables skilled operators to note immediately the time the bullet takes to pass along the gun barrel — normally 12/10,000ths of a second — and its velocity in flight. At the same time a little instrument records the pressure developed in the gun barrel by the burning of the powder. From a reading of these instruments any defects in cartridges can be traced immediately and remedied. The average performance of a certain number of cartridges picked at random from any finished lot gives an accurate indication of the probable performance of the lot as a whole.

But even if a student pilot passes all his physical and psychological tests on the ground, he may still be washed out when he gets in the air. So also the tests cartridges undergo in the laboratories count as nothing unless they prove themselves under service conditions.

The outdoor test range is the flying training school of the cartridge. Like the flying training schools of the air force, it is a wartime development. A peaceful-looking valley to the north of the town, cut by a winding stream, has been made into a veritable no-man's-land. Here, where flaming arrows may once have described their graceful arc in the early skirmishes between settlers and hostile Indians, tracer bullets, like modern flaming arrows, present an awe-inspiring spectacle day and night and the valley echoes and re-echoes constantly with the sharp crack of rifle fire and the quick, breathless staccato of machine-guns. The range house from which all the shooting is done looks at first sight like an ultra modern hen-house but when the panels under the seven windows are let down they reveal the business end of seven guns. Inside the range house are men whose only job seems to be to shoot. They don't have to aim, for they fire from gun barrels set on pre-sighted British army standard gun rests fixed to throw their projectiles into a mere pocket handkerchief of a target 600 to 1,000 yards down the range.

But the no-man's-land down the range is not as deserted as it looks The performance of every bullet fired is checked and tabulated by a competent staff in observation posts. Though hundreds of bullets pass a few feet above their heads every hour, the men who set up the targets and take them down and who observe the flame of tracer bullets are as safe as they would be in their own living rooms The little buildings that protect them from the weather are themselves protected from projectiles by mounds of earth reinforced by concrete. The mounds and the targets the men raise above them are all that is visible from the range house but the men on the range are in constant telephone communication with the men behind the guns.

To test the accuracy of ball and tracer ammunition, six groups of twenty "guinea pigs" are picked at random from each quarter-million rounds ready for delivery to the Government and are fired in rapid succession. The target is a sheet of heavy wrapping paper set at 500 yards for tracer bullets and 600 yards for ball cartridges and all bullets must hit within a certain area. The area is slightly extended in the case of tracer bullets because accuracy is a little more difficult due to the change in the bullet's weight in flight caused by the burning of the tracer compound.

In another part of the range are two observation posts where the flight of tracer ammunition is carefully watched and a record kept of each shot for length of trace. The pass mark on this examination is eighty-five per cent. Airplanes use tracer bullets as range finders, hence the high standard required. Another mound at 1,000 yards protects an observation post where the flight of tracer bullets for land use is checked. These bullets require only a minimum tracer flame of 1,000 yards and no check on distance beyond this is made.

Pilots would not be of much use if they could fly but one type of plane, nor would cartridges if they could service only one type of gun. The .303 cartridges must be found usable in many types of machine-gun including the English and American Browning, the heavy belt-fed Vickers machine-gun, the Bren gun, the pan-fed Lewis and the Lee-Enfield service rifle. They are tested in all these types being fired into an earth embankment and the cartridge cases are then examined to show whether the ammunition meets the requirements of that particular gun.

When a pilot gets his wings, he goes overseas. But his training is not yet complete and theoretically he might still be washed out. When cartridges "get their wings" they are turned over to the Inspection Board of the United Kingdom and Canada who make further rigid inspections and tests before accepting them for active service. Nearly ninety per cent of all ammunition so far produced by D.I.L. for military use has been accepted as serviceable for use in R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. high-speed aircraft machine-guns, the highest classification of all. The balance has been accepted as serviceable for ground use and for practice purposes. This is a truly remarkable record when it is remembered that no military cartridges were made in Canada from 1918 until the start of this war and that about twice as many military cartridges have been produced in this plant as were produced in C-I-L plants from 1914 to 1918.

The parallel between the tests of military ammunition and those of pilots before they are accepted for active service is not an accidental one. Our airmen, their aircraft and their ammunition are bound together in a partnership on which not only our freedom but that of all free and enslaved peoples may ultimately depend. This partnership begins in the "raw material" stage and is culminated when the enemy is in the gunsights.

Quebec Produces Entire Output Small Arms Ammunition in Canada; Many Workers French Canadians

Tracer Bullets Occupy Large Department of Production

MANAGEMENT MEETS MANY PROBLEMS

While the tracer bullet production is the newest of small arms ammunition to be undertaken in Canada, plans are said to be ready to increase production which is said to have already reached 200,000,000 articles of explosive character in $70,000,000 worth of plant financed by the Canadian Government in this sphere. Quebec's great part in this section of the war effort was pointed out when it was revealed that Quebec produces all the output of small arms ammunition in Canada and that the workers are in overwhelming majority French-speaking.

To the observer inexperienced in small arms ammunition production, the compactness and crowding of machines and workers is striking. That so many millions of articles could be made in such comparatively small quarters is another example of Canadian initiative and production management.

Another problem which has caused the burning of much midnight oil is the housing of the workers, sanitation, health and amusement. Due to exigencies of wartime labor conditions, workers are being used in two shifts of 10 hours a day instead of the three eight-hour shifts formerly in effect. Frozen basic wage rates and the excess "free time" with its attending evils in a "boom-town" caused the change in hours with which employees were in full agreement.

Housing and sanitation in the munitions centres has been solved by Government housing projects with which our readers are now familiar.



TRACER BULLETS leaving the muzzles of the bank of machine-guns in this recent demonstration of Canada's latest innovation in small arms ammunition, appear to be as steady as fire spouting from flame throwers — yet actually every tracer hews a separate path of its own through the darkness. To give observers an idea of the power of the bullets all belts and pans used in the guns were filled with the tracers. In actual combat, the guns are loaded with about one such bullet in 20.

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Book Review

"MEDICAL DIRECTORY" OF QUEBEC"

The third edition of the Quebec Medical Directory has just come off the press. The book, comprising 100 pages, is authorized by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec, and contains the registry of Quebec physicians.

An interesting and valuable map is produced for the first time in Canada, showing the hospitals and health centres located in Quebec Province.

Articles of special interest to the medical profession are included, with historical sketches of the various medical colleges in Quebec, such as McGill, University of Montreal, Laval University and Hotel-Dieu, Quebec. The leading hospitals of Quebec are also given adequate mention.

The book is obtainable by writing to P.O. Box 523, Montreal, Que.

AVENGER AWARDED

Sheffield (CP) — Sgt. Frank Bell, who vowed to avenge the death of a sister killed during a raid here, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal. Since his sister's death he has made 40 trips over enemy territory as an air gunner.

TAX KENYA FINERY

Nairobi, Kenya (CP) — African women will have to pay more for their finery under the latest Kenya budget which revised duties on beads and wire used by native brides for their adornment.

Sunday Services

MARGARET RODGER MEML. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. E. Orsborn

10 a.m., Sabbath School

11 a.m., Morning Worship
"Queen of Christian Graces"

3 p.m., Brownsburg.

7 p.m., Evening worship.
"Where are you going?"

ANGLICAN CHURCHES

St. Simeon's, Lachute

Christmas Eve, 11.30 p.m., Holy Communion

Christmas Day, 7.45 a.m., Holy Communion

Dec. 28th, 11 a.m., Morning Prayer.

St. George's Brownsburg

Christmas Day, 9 a.m., Holy Communion

LACHUTE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. W. B. Rosborough, B.A., B.D.

10 a.m., Sabbath School.

11 a.m., Morning Worship.
Subject:
"New Year Resolutions"

7 p.m., Evening worship.
Subject:
"A Parable of the Sea"

11 a.m., East Settlement.

3 p.m., Thomas' Gore.

Welcome to all services!

LACHUTE BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, H. Charlton

Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Tuesday 8 p.m., Prayer Meeting.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, BROWNSBURG
Rev. J. R. Simpson, B.A., B.Th.

10 a. m., Sunday School.

7.30 a.m., Christmas Pageant in story and song.

BROWNSBURG UNITED
Rev. S. J. Pike, Minister

10 a.m., Sunday School

11 a.m., New Year Service

7.30 p.m., Boys' Band in attendance.

Public cordially invited.

REGULAR BAPTIST
Rev. C. Hardie

11 a.m., Brownsburg.

2.30 p.m., Dalesville.

All Welcome!

LAKEFIELD SERVICES
Rev. C. W. Baugh, Rector

Dunany, 11 a.m. Holy Communion

Louisa, 2 p.m.

Lakefield, 7 p.m.

Christmas Is Birthday of the Prince of Peace

THE sound of a children's quarrel broke the Christmas afternoon quiet. Mrs. Steele put aside the bits of tissue and ribbon she had been collecting, and called her three sons to her.

"Boys," she said, "I have one more Christmas gift for you." They gathered around her in excited anticipation. "It was the very first gift mentioned when the Christ Child was born—"

"Gold, mother?" asked the eldest eagerly.

"No, Franklin. Something far more precious. Peace. 'Peace on earth,' remember? Good will is seldom forgotten at Christmas but peace too often is."

"But how can you give us peace?" cried the second in disappointment.

"I can't be sure, son. No person alone can guarantee peace, but everyone can help. Right now I can show three boys how foolish it is to quarrel."

"How, Mother?"

"Franklin, you are stronger than your brothers. You could take their toys. But suppose then they join together to take yours? In the end all the toys will be broken, and you will have quarreled for nothing."

"But suppose they take mine first?"

"Wouldn't it be better to agree to all play together and all enjoy them than to fight?"

"Is it that way with nations too?"

"Exactly. Wars leave everyone worse off than before."

"But don't people want peace, Mother?"

"Wanting is not enough. When everyone who wants peace does something to bring it about, then Christmas will really mean the birthday of the Prince of Peace—the coming of 'Peace on earth, good will to men.'"—Helen Waterman.

Anne's Christmas Bonus Was for One Good Idea

CHRISTMAS bonuses were always given in accordance to the value of suggestions written out and finally accepted at the offices of John Stone and company, and Lee Anne Foster wondered, disgustedly, why she had thought of such suggestions after other girls had already thought them up or why she couldn't think up something unusual enough to earn her special attention with the firm. There were only five more days until the yearly list of bonus recipients would be announced.

That evening, back in her own room, seated at her desk, she sat staring at the wall. She fidgeted with her pencil, almost praying for inspiration—what could she suggest to be done in the office or in the business that would increase either efficiency or business? Her eyes were staring straight into a huge pot of four-leaf clovers that she had brought back from the country when she had visited her parents on the farm during last vacation.

"The Four Leaf Clover Line"—why—why not? She jotted down the idea as it all came tumbling through her mind—in the manufacturing end of the business, create a breakfast nook or kitchen line all with four leaf clover motif, giving a cook book with its cover simply plastered with actual four leaf clovers, shellacked—a line especially to attract the newly wed trade. "Why, I could furnish the four leaf clovers for the first few books and maybe Mr. Stone would put a four leaf clover under the seal of that new style wedding certificate he gives free to each bridal pair of customers—who knows!"

Lucky for Stone and company but just as lucky for Lee Anne. As the Christmas day bonus for her suggestion was handed to her, she also received the first such contract ever known—for all the four-leaf clovers she could grow within the next year. —Luella B. Lyons.

Printed Christmas Card Was Issued Back in '43

THERE is more humanity about the Victoria and Albert museum than its stiff brick exterior suggests.

The director has sent me a Christmas Picture Book, says a writer in the London Star. It reveals the fact that the first Christmas card ever printed was issued only as recently as 1843.

The card, which was printed for Sir Henry Cole, first director of the South Kensington museum, is reproduced, along with many other efforts by artists, to celebrate the nativity. They range from a walrus ivory relief from Cologne to a modern woodcut by Eric Gill. It is strange to see how the artistic wheel has turned full circle back to the medieval austerity.

But I can't help liking the first Christmas card, which "features," as the films say, a hearty meal. As the fat boy would say, "I likes eating best."

Jones — Sorry, old man, that my hen got loose and scratched up your garden.

Smith—That's all right, my dog ate your hen.

Jones — Fine, I just ran over your dog and killed him.

STORIED SPOTS FROM SEA TO SEA

By W. J. Banks, B.A.

HEART OF THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS



King Street, Sherbrooke, Que.

East of the Richelieu seigniories and south of those on the St. Lawrence, a large and fertile area was still without settlement at the time of the British conquest of Canada. For some two decades more this smiling land of hills and valleys remained in primeval solitude and not until the coming of the United Empire Loyalists was it colonized to any extent. Then the British authorities, according to their custom, laid out the new land in townships instead of granting it to seigniors as under the old regime.

To this day the region is known as the eastern townships. It comprises not only some of Quebec's best agricultural land but a busy industrial area as well. From an early date the city of Sherbrooke, at the junction of the Magog and St. Francis rivers, has been regarded as the chief center of the townships. The site was first colonized in the 1790's when the Hyatt brothers and other Vermont loyalists settled in the area. In 1818 the settlement, previously known as the Lower Forks, received its present name in honor of Sir John Coape Sherbrooke, then governor-general of Canada. By wise and conciliatory policies he did much to relieve the political tension then existing in Lower Canada but less competent successors nullified his efforts. In Sherbrooke's day only a few log houses graced the settlement which proudly assumed his name, but it soon began to grow. Now French-Canadian residents outnumber the descendants of the original New England settlers, and a real bonne entente has helped the city's progress.

NEW GOVERNOR

London (CP) —Sir Arthur Francis Grimble, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Seychelles, has been appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Windward Islands, succeeding Sir Henry Popham who will retire in May.

INDIAN CHUTISTS

New Delhi (CP) — Indian and Gurka troops serving in the Indian Army around Singapore underwent training as parachute troops. Instructors from Britain arrived in India some months ago.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

Christmas Festival for Three Sunday Schools At St. Andrews East

St. Andrews East — The annual Christmas Festival of the three Protestant Sunday Schools took place on Friday evening, December 19, at the town hall. A tall evergreen tree twinkled with electric lights beside the stage. The Rev. J. A. Mowatt was chairman and the accompanists were Mrs. Thos. Webster, Misses A. L. Wales and Doris Leroy.

Christmas carols were sung by the scholars in chorus. A vocal duet was given by Elizabeth Robertson and Bertie Bryson, followed by a chorus by Miss T. Walsh's Mission Band. Next was a solo, "The Christmas Cake", by Elizabeth Robertson. Another vocal duet was sung by Eileen and Shirley O'Brien. A play, "Crisis in Christmas Land", had been perpared under the direction of Miss Lamb. It included a Santa Claus, Mrs. Santa Claus, a secretary, several gnomes, prime minister, and factory manager (all in costume) . . . Then Santa Claus (in person) appeared at the door and was welcomed to the stage, where he distributed gifts to the expectant children. No candy or fruit was there as the pupils had generously voted that the money be used to buy candy for needy children.

"Science has provided in abundance the means to a good life, but it has not taught us how to live."
—C. E. M. Joad.

"History repeats itself frequently, but the new generations are firmly decided never to learn from it."
—Count Carlo Sforza.

Special Services At Brownsburg

Brownsburg — A Watch-Night Service, under auspices of the Young People's groups will be held in the United Church on Wednesday evening next, beginning at 11 o'clock, when Rev C. Hardie will be the speaker. The service will be appropriate to the occasion and enthusiastic response of the public is anticipated.

The Week of Prayer program is being arranged to begin on Monday night, January 5, in the Regular Baptist Church, where the Thursday evening program will be held; on Tuesday and Friday in the United, and Wednesday and Saturday afternoon in Maple Avenue Baptist Church. The public are asked to reserve these dates as much as possible.

Brownsburg United Church Activities

Brownsburg — The service on Sunday evening was in charge of the C.G.I.T. who presented a fine demonstration of their efficiency and co-operation. Several carol hymns and choruses, with trios, were rendered during the service. The processional numbers, both opening and closing, were very impressive, the latter following the lighting of the candles. Miss S. Lupien is deserving of much credit for the training of her group and conducting the various items of the service on Sunday evening.

Next Sunday evening the Boys' Band will be in attendance for the Christmas-New Year service, to which the public are heartily invited.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Bill McGibbon, of Kiosk, spent a few days last week with friends in town.

Miss Dorothy McOuat, of Maniwaki is spending the school holidays in town.

Mrs. Israel St. Jacques left on Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Robert Hunt, in Prince Albert, Sask.

Lieut. Douglas Todd, of the R.C.O.C., Debert, N.S., is spending a 14-days' leave with friends in town.

Petty Officer Cyril Gillard of the R.C.N.V.R. was in Lachute on a short visit Tuesday, renewing old acquaintances.

Mrs. Leslie Morris left this week to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Reginald Tipping and Mr. Tipping, in Midland, Ont.

Miss Agnes McMahon, of La-Tuque, and Miss Grace McMahon, of Thurso, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. McMahon.

Lieut. Stuart Jones and Mrs. Jones, with their daughter Heather, of Huntingdon, are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Lachute and Brownsburg.

Mr. Elmer Gauley is spending Christmas and New Year's with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gauley. During the summer he was on the Great Lakes with the American Oil Company.

Mrs. G. F. W. Kuhring, who for many years was a resident of Argenteuil County, was heard on the radio Monday evening, speaking for Mrs. Alfred Watt on the "Feminine Hour". The topic was "Women at the Peace Table". Mrs. Kuhring is the secretary of the Associated County Women of the World.

Among the local school-teachers who are spending the holidays away, are — Miss Ruth Sherman, at Scotstown, Miss Joyce Richards, at Sherbrooke, Miss Patricia Bennett, at Bury, Misses Betty and Eleanor Jones, at Bedford, Miss Muriel Marshall, at Inverness, Miss Kay Morrison, at Arundel, the Misses Phyllis MacLean and Maude Cottingham and Mr. Lionel Upton, at Ormstown.

Mr. Ross Todd, of Kiosk, will spend Christmas with relatives in Lachute.

Mr. Wm. Painter left last week to visit his daughter, Mrs. Cecil Finnimore, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Misses Edith McOuat and Katherine Kindle, of Montreal, spent Sunday at the former's home on Grace Street.

LAC. Douglas Hay, of the R.C.A.F., Moncton, N.B., is spending a ten-days' leave with his mother, Mrs. James Hay.

Miss Helen Deacon and Miss Louise Deacon of Macdonald College are spending the holidays with their parents in town.

Miss Eileen Meagher, of Halifax, N.S., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. Berniquer, in town, also Mr. and Mrs. Harris Sherwood in Brownsburg.

Miss Dorothy McFaul of East Angus, Que., and Miss Irene McFaul, of Arntfield, are spending the holidays at their home in Lachute Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Cox have received a cable from their son, Private J. Leslie Cox, "Somewhere in England", wishing them and other county friends sincere Christmas greetings.

Approaching Marriage

The marriage of Miss Betty Wilen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Wilen, of Three Rivers, Que., to Second Lieutenant Samuel W. Milnes, of Lachute, Que., will take place on Saturday afternoon, December 27, at four o'clock, in St. James' Anglican Church, Three Rivers.

TWO SCOUT BROTHERS BLITZ HEROES

For courage and coolness shown in the rescue of a young mother and her baby and an elderly woman during an air raid, two Northumberland Boy Scouts, brothers, have been awarded the Scout Gilt Cross for Gallantry. The brothers, Joe and John Chambers, 15 and 17 years respectively, were on street fire watch in the midst of a Nazi blitz. A bomb partially wrecked a house, and a young woman ran out, temporarily unnerved. The boys ran to her, and got her safely into a shelter. Then they learned, from her disjointed remarks, that her baby was still in the house. John leaped over a fence, entered the house, found the baby, and returned, shielding it with his body from shell fragments and flying glass. He brought word also that there was an elderly lady in the house and that she refused to leave. Together the brothers returned, and between them picked up the old lady and brought her to safety.

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Burnham, Eng. (CP) — A motorist who obtained 400 gallons of gasoline, instead of 60, by making false statements, was sentenced to five months in jail.

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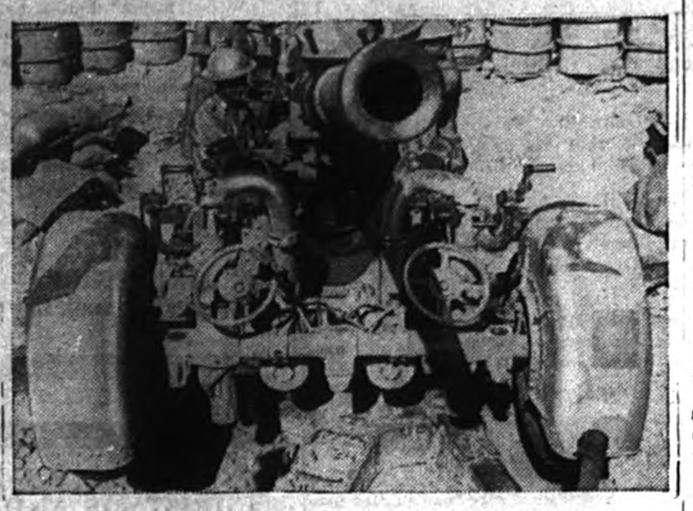
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MRS. SLATER CONFERS WITH HER COOK

By Mrs. M. Slater
(Bulletins from Britain)

You may recall, as I related in last week's issue, that my grocer let me have four eggs, one pound of bacon, two pounds of granulated sugar, one-half pound Indian tea, one-half pound butter, one-half pound margarine, one-half pound cooking fat, one can of sardines, one package of cornflakes, two boxes of matches, one can of custard powder, one-half pound cornflour, one can of coffee essence, one package of macaroni, two cakes of toilet soap, one bar of household soap, and one package of soap flakes (but no crackers, no fruit — fresh, dried or canned —, no kerosene, and no marmalade, jam or syrup) on my week's grocery order.

Not much, surely, for a household of four! Cook and I went into a conference.

"The butcher has sent us a small piece of lamb shoulder," she said. "It will be for the whole week." (It cost seventy cents, twenty cents each for the three adults, and ten cents for the child.) "And the bone is very big."

"I suppose we'd better roast it on Sunday," I said wearily. "And we can have French beans and potatoes from the garden. Then on Monday perhaps you could cut up a couple of ounces and fold it, in gravy, into pancakes . . . made with batter flour instead of eggs."

They're So Filling

"We've had a lot of those batter pancakes lately," said cook, sadly. "But I suppose they are filling. And that will leave us each a strip of meat for Tuesday, and I might chop that up with a little bacon, and stuff it into a marrow, with brown sauce and mashed potatoes."

"Then on Wednesday," I interposed, "we might manage to lure a small piece of unrationed liver into the larder, and have it with tiny braised onions and fried potatoes — if you have enough fat."

We are now gathering momentum. Cook went on with scarcely a pause.

"For Thursday I can save enough cheese to make a macaroni cheese, perhaps with baked tomatoes.

Friday — with care the bacon may last, and we could each have a rasher on cauliflower-au-gratin. What gratin? Oh, I'll sneak it somehow.

"Saturday? Is there any chance of sausages? I read the butchers were to be allowed more sausage meat. We'll trust to luck, and see if we can find some. Never give up hoping. Otherwise perhaps we could open a tin of sardines and have sardine patties."

We had successfully disposed of The Main Item each day, with the comforting feeling that we could always add bulk with garden vegetables . . . that's one of the advantages of living in the country.

Desserts More Difficult

But we still had to plan desserts. That was more difficult, because our pint of milk is really only sufficient for tea and coffee each day, with perhaps a quarter of a pint left to play with. Cook looked hopefully at me. I knew she had exhausted her imagination on desserts. I tried to help . . .

"On Sunday we could have stewed plums, with what passes for cream off the top of the milk. Monday we might chop up a little preserved ginger and cook in a custard made with half milk and half ginger syrup. Half milk? You're right — it'll be much less than half. Tuesday, what about an apple puree flavored with cinnamon of cloves? Wednesday, a chocolate blancmange, made with milk and water. Thursday. . . . I've got a few dates left . . . chop them up in coffee blancmange, made the some way. Friday, can we save enough milk for a small rice pudding, do you think? And Saturday . . . I suppose we haven't enough fat for pastry? No? Well, then, what about using batter flour to make fritters of dates or apples? I think we must keep our eggs for the baby, as he doesn't get enough meat."

They Belong to Yesterday

Dinners were settled. But there were still lunches. However, we don't bother much about them. We get along on snacks.

"It doesn't sound mouth-watering," said cook, "but perhaps I'll have sudden inspirations during the week. Anyway, it's something to go on. "I remember . . ."

"Cook," I said severely, "don't talk to me about salmon trout in white wine. Nor sole with grapes and mushrooms. It's sinful to mention them. I promise you that some day you shall make a chocolate mousse with sour cream . . . and have enough fat to float a whale in . . . but not this week — or, I fear, this year. Meanwhile you'll have to turn your magic touch to cocoa, and see if you can make it taste like chocolate — without any cream . . . Bless you, you are a help!"

"Let's take a look at American food advertisements one day, and see if wishful thinking can satisfy our stomachs — or palates. What about chicken Maryland and strawberry shortcake? . . . Quick, quick, Cook, a slice of fresh bread and a cup of tea to succor us!"

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Notable Art Show at Sherbrooke St. Galleries, Montreal Art Assn.

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The Art Association of Montreal is sponsoring a loan exhibition of masterpieces of paintings from February 5 to March 8, 1942, which will be the finest of its kind ever to be shown in Canada. This exhibition, which is for the benefit of the men of the allied merchant navies, will be opened by His Excellency, the Earl of Athlone, Governor-General of Canada, and H.R.H. Princess Alice.

Over a hundred pictures representing many million dollars' worth of the world's irreplaceable treasures will be under guard in the Sherbrooke Street Art Gallery.

The French school of painting will be represented by nineteen artists which include works of Boucher, Cezanne, Chardin, Corot, Degas, Fragonard, Vigee Lebrun, Claude Lorrain, Monet, Monticelli, Poussin, Robert and David. Ten artists of the Italian school include Bronzino, Bassano, Guardi, Mantagna, Veronese and Longhi. Of the Dutch school, the great masterpieces of Franz Hals, Rembrandt, Rubens, Van Dyck and Jan Steen. The Spanish School is represented by works from Velasquez, Ribera, Goya, El Greco to the modern Picasso. Pictures of the English school, so much loved, will include those of Constable, Gainsborough, Lawrence, Oliver, Romney, Turner and Hogarth. Of Hogarth's work, the picture of the Graham children which caused so much comment at the World's Fair in New York, to which it was lent by the London National Gallery, will be on exhibition.

These paintings will come from the great museums of the United States, from the famous private collections of the United States and Canada, and from vaults in which they have been placed for safety by European governments lucky enough to get them across the Atlantic before the arrival of the Nazis.

This exhibition will give an opportunity to Canadians to see the great treasures of European countries, never before possible on this continent. After the war, when these prized possessions are returned to their owners, we will once again be obliged to journey across the ocean, and at great expense, to see them on view.

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CHRISTMAS TELEPHONE TRAFFIC PROBLEM

(Continued from page 2)

Add to this condition the amount of time required on the circuits in order to find out the called person's telephone number and one will understand how it is that some calls require hours to complete on Christmas Day.

No Alternate Routes

Back in the beginning of the business it was recognized by pioneers in the telephone field that it is the obligation of the telephone company to be prepared at all times with sufficient facilities — telephones, cables, wires and switchboards — to meet public demand for service. Incidentally this policy has had no little bearing in the industrial revolution which has placed the Dominion on a powerful war footing. Telephone plant, local and long distance is planned, designed, built, and changed or rearranged only after telephone engineers have made exhaustive studies in order to estimate the public's future telephone requirements. And so there are about 70 long distance circuits between Toronto and Hamilton, 40 circuits between Toronto and Montreal, 35 between Montreal and Ottawa and 23 between Montreal and New York, because investigation and forecasting by telephone engineers have justified the necessary equipment installations. And for 364 days a year, one can find little to criticize in Canada's telephone circuit layout.

In some respects the Christmas Day telephone problem in Canada is more difficult than in the United States. The density of the population in the United States makes it economically possible to build telephone plants allowing for alternate long distance routes. In Canada, where the population stretches along one thin line from sea to sea, it would be economically impossible to provide an alternate route for Trans-Canada telephone traffic. There are some alternate routes between points along the line to safeguard the service against breakdowns due to storm or fire damage. For example, it is possible to reach Toronto from Montreal through Ottawa or for that matter through New York but the traffic over these circuits is too great on Christmas Day to impose on them any additional burden.

Plan Months Ahead

Our engineers plan months in advance in order to make the most use of the facilities at Christmas time. Sections of switchboard ordinarily used for other purposes are used for long distance calls just for one day. Large extra staffs are employed in order to handle traffic as quickly as possible. Every available girl with operating experience is engaged. Circuit layouts are scrutinized carefuliy and changes made wherever it is deemed necessary. The operating staff is greatly concerned that people, everywhere, should realize that everything humanly possible is done to get every message through for they know that there are bound to be some disappointments.

The telephone companies' Christmas problem is unique. The big departmental stores are able to spread their Christmas rush over some weeks; railroads set a schedule which those wishing to travel are required to meet; telegraph companies con transmit messages in advance for delivery on Christmas and in any event they are not required to have the sender and receiver of the message available at one and the same moment; even those who collect, sort and deliver His Majesty's Mail have more leeway. No, it comes back to what we said earlier, you cannot design a great telephone system for one day.

What the telephone company would like the public to appreciate is that everything possible is done on Christmas Day, with the telephone system available, to handle a stupendous task.

Giant Plow Reclaims Land For Britain

At Work on Water-Logged Acres for 1942 Harvest

(By Mail)

London — A giant trenching plow weighing four tons is now at work in England turning acres of water-logged ground into land which will yield crops next year.

It is an ingenious trenching implement designed in the North of England chiefly for use in land drainage. The new machine cuts channels to a depth of two feet nine inches at the rate of a hundred yards in four minutes.

The base of the trench is cut by a share, while cutters carve the sides, the earth passing up inclined boards to ground level where it is formed into equal ridges on each side. The implement is hauled by a pair of windlasses, driven by two diesel engines placed at each end of the field. One windlass pulls the implement along when cutting the other returns it into position for cutting the next trench.

The standard windlass employed for this work by the designers has a range of gears with different speeds for different soils, and the winding drum carries 150 yards of steel plow rope.

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Hints for Homebodies

By Jessie Allen Brown

A TIME TO RELAX

Probably Christmas is over before you have had time to read this. I hope it has been a happy one for all of you. The days after the big day itself are usually easy ones in the house. There is always plenty of food so that the problem of getting meals is an easy one. If your family has been invited out for Christmas dinner maybe there are not many left-overs, and that is bad. Only twice have we been out for Christmas dinner; somehow home is the best place to be, and I managed to have left-overs by cooking a chicken to have cold. There isn't much you can do about the house because in any home there is a certain amount of litter about that cannot be put away immediately, and it doesn't seem worth while to do much cleaning until you can really tidy up. So take time to enjoy yourself with a free mind. Have sufficient time to really look at the Christmas cards and to have pleasant memories of the senders. Relax in a nice hot bath with the new bath-salts and leisurely try out your new cosmetics. Then enjoy that new book. There is always a let-down feeling after Christmas, so make the most of it.

BACON FOR BRITAIN

There are few people who have not done without bacon and pork products generally so that people of Great Britain may have more. And we have sent them great quantities. During the last pre-war year we shipped 160 million pounds; during the first two years of this war we sent them 800 million pounds; about 85 million pounds more than the original contract. The contract for this year calls for 600 million pounds of bacon and other pork cuts. From 160 million pounds to 600 million pounds a year is a big jump. We have been asked to reduce our pork consumption by 50%; dealers were allowed only 75% of their 1940 consumption; and hog production has been subsidized. By these three methods we have been able to increase the amount for shipment. We miss having bacon but it is very little to do without when we have so much else.

A GOOD HOLIDAY

The Christmas holidays always seem to be the most enjoyable of all the school holidays. The older ones have a specially good time as those who are away at school or University are home and add a bit of excitement to the doings. Out-door sports are at their best with skating and skiing at full tilt; although it is not always the case. One year there was no snow and it rained at intervals. A card-table was put up in the sitting-room and it stayed there all the holidays. There was a bridge game on every afternoon and evening and some of the University crowd came and went. You never knew who was there or how many kibitzers there might be. Fortunately I had made an extra large number of cookies and they lasted until the last day of the holidays. It was a very pleasant holiday for us as we had young people about all the time.

SNACKS

Young people like to eat — don't we all — and one way of keeping them around home is to have plenty of food for snacks. Fortunately it does not have to be elaborate. If they have been skiing or skating nothing tastes better than good hot soup. It may be home-made or canned. They won't mind as long as it is hot and there is plenty of it. A bowl of croutons helps to fill them up. Cut thick slices of bread in small squares and put in a medium oven until they are crisp and brown. Have some sandwich spreads on hand, any of the cheese mixtures are good. Hard-cooked eggs chopped and moistened with salad dressing with plenty of salt and pepper and a dash of scraped onion is another popular one. Cold meat put through the chopper and mixed with some of your relishes or pickles is another good choice. The main thing is to have them ready for instant use. Put them in covered glasses in the refrigerator and they will keep for some time. I find jelly glasses the most convenient to use for spreads. It is worth some extra work and effort to attract children to their own home. One of the nicest things mothers can do is to provide pleasant memories for their children.

SUGARED POPCORN

2 Cups sugar, 3 tablespoons of butter, ½ cup water.

Cook these together and stir until the sugar is dissolved, then cook without stirring until the syrup will spin a thread from the point of the spoon. Remove from the fire and add ½ tablespoon soda and stir. Pour over three quarts of popcorn and stir only until the corn is coated. Pat into a buttered pan. This is easy for children to make and is not sticky.

CHICKEN TIMBALES

3 Cups minced chicken, 1 cup dry breadcrumbs, ½ cup milk, 1 teaspoon salt, ⅛ teaspoon pepper, 1 teaspoon mixed parsley, ¼ teaspoon onion juice, 2 tablespoons melted butter, 3 eggs.

Cook the crumbs in the milk until thick, add the chicken, butter, and seasonings. Beat the egg yolks until light and then add to the chicken, then fold in the stiffly beaten whites. Turn into buttered custard cups and set in a pan of water and bake until firm, in a moderate oven of 350 degrees, about 35 minutes.

Bowling Actress



One of Hollywood's bowling, as well as movie stars, diminutive Ann Rutherford heaves them down the alley in professional style. Yes—that's the accepted Hollywood bowling costume.

4,500 CHILDREN SAVED

London (CP) — The Ministry of Health estimated evacuation saved 4,500 schoolchildren from death in air raids and an equal number from serious injury, figures being based on casualty raitios and child population.

34 MILES OF SCARVES

London (CP) — Scarves which would stretch 34 miles if placed end to end have been knitted by British Empire women for officers and men of the Merchant Marine since start of the war.

SIX SERVICE SONS KEEP MOTHER BUSY

Ottawa Woman Knits and Bakes, Writes Too, To All Her Boys

Ottawa, Dec 8, (CP)—These are busy days for Mrs. Harold Wight, knitting and cooking pastries for her six sons in the armed services. A seventh son, serving with the navy, was lost at sea.

It takes just about all the time she has knitting them socks and writing them letters. "I am the only one who knits socks for them", she said. "They get their regular issue but they like home-made socks and every letter contains a broad hint for some home-cooking. I save all our tins, coffee cans and tobacco cans and use them to bake things in for the boys."

Letter writing is a bigger chore than knitting, she says — "I try to sit down and write a return letter just as soon as the mail arrives, but yesterday three letters came and I haven't had a chance to answer them yet."

Every time she finishes two pairs of socks, she wraps them up, tucks in a little cake or some other food, and sends them off to each son in turn.

During the first Great War she remained at home with five small children while her husband served overseas for almost four years. "I miss my boys," she said. "But I wouldn't even have my husband if he were medically fit." Mr. Wight tried to join the Veteran's guard but was turned down because of wounds and the effects of gas in the First Great War.

Petty Officer James Percy Wight, victualling officer on a warship, joined the Royal Canadian Navy in April, 1938. His brother, Allan Wight who lost his life in the sinking of the Canadian destroyer Margaree signed up in August, 1938.

The other sons are Gordon, 18, on a R.C.N. corvette ; Frank Willis, 31, ship's gunner; George Hillard, 28, dispatch rider in the army; Albert Horace, 25, gunner in a field battery, and Robert P., engine room artificer, R.C.N. at Esquimalt, B.C.

Plan Farmerettes For U.S. in 1942

Mrs. Roosevelt Will Recruit Land Army for Uncle Sam Next Year

Washington (CP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt plans to recruit an army of farmerettes to till American farms next summer and to help bring in the enlarged crops asked by the Department of Agriculture.

The women will help fill a gap caused by the migration of farm hands to industrial areas for defence jobs. Mrs. Roosevelt has instructed her assistants in the Office of Civilian Defence to outline physical exercise and training for such a pitchfork and hoe army as the farmerettes enrolled in the First Great War.

School teachers, college students and other unoccupied in the summer may be called upon to take the exercises. The President's wife referred to the contemplated organization as the "Women's Land Army", but said that it need not be limited to women.

Widowed Countess Gets Lord's Medal

London (CP) — The Countess of Suffolk and Berkshire was among 11 war widows who attended an investure at Buckingham Palace to receive George Crosses won by their husbands. Lord Suffolk, who won the medal for bravery in connection with bomb disposals, was killed by a bomb last May.

Domestic—I hear that you need a cook?

Mistress—Thank you, but I have just hired one.

Domestic—Very well, I'll call again tomorrow.

How Do YOU Get Your Vitamins ?

By Richard S. Bond

Two stenographers darted into the drug store where I invariably eat my noontime lunch.

"I want some Vitamin A", carroled one.

"Make mine B and C", parroted her fellow key-clicker.

I took a deep bite into my sandwich, gulped a generous quantity of lemonade — and gasped.

"Why does the younger generation have to gobble vitamins that way? How have I managed to reach quite close to the sixty-year mark with my own hair, my own teeth and the ability to toddle around the golf course for a full 36 holes without calling for either a stretcher or a taxi? How do we oldsters keep going without those oh-so-necessary tablets?"

Those questions were asked by me to myself. Without aid, I had to dig out the answers as I sat there finishing my lunch . . . Now don't for a moment think I have anything against vitamins in the "swallow-em" form. Probably they are just what some people need. . . But clamoring back through the years I find that as a boy on the farm I nibbled fruits, nuts, berries and green vegetables from January until December. I knew where the apples, raw carrots and raw turnips were stored during the winter. Vitamins had never been heard of, but I was getting them constantly.

Later on I leaned heavily toward lemonade and oranges. Still later I developed the morning orange juice habit — and loaded up on Vitamins A, B1, C and G even though I did not know a vitamin if I met it face to face.

In plain words, I've been a vegetable lover and fruit juice addict all my life.

Secure your vitamins as you see fit. As for me, I prefer them in the form of something good to eat and drink — for instance, in dishes like the following :

Year 'Round Fresh Fruit Cup

Combine 2½ cups orange sections, 1 cup banana slices, 1 cup unpeeled, red-skinned, apple slices; With 1 cup orange juice, dash of lemon juice, sugar or honey to taste, cherries for garnish. (Serves 6).

Reception Punch

8 Cups sugar, 2 quarts water, ½ cup crushed mint leaves, 3 quarts orange juice, 1 quart pineapple, or berry juice; 1 quart lemon juice, 2 quarts iced tea, 2 gallons water, 2 quarts ginger ale, orange and lemon slices and mint sprigs.

Boil sugar with the 2 quarts of water about 5 minutes. Add crushed mint. Cool and strain. Add fruit juices, tea and water. Just before serving add ginger ale. Pour over ice in punch bowls. Garnish with fruit slices and mint sprigs. (Serves 100).

Baked Orange-Glazed Ham

1 Tablespoon grated orange peel, 1 cup orange juice, 1 cup brown sugar, orange slices, parsley.

Place a ham, fat side up, in uncovered roaster. Bake in slow oven (300° F.) 25 to 30 minutes per pound. 45 minutes before ham is done remove rind and pour off most of fat in pan. Score the fat surface in diagonal lines with a sharp knife. Decorate with cloves. Blend the grated peel, orange juice and sugar. Spread mixture over surface of ham. Return to oven and baste frequently with mixture in pan. Serve garnished with whole thin slices of oranges and parsley. Allow ¼ to ½ pound per serving.

Hints on Care of Electric Mixers

Oil often but sparingly, with a good grade of graphite oil.

Pack the gears with a heavy grease about once a year, as recommended by the manufacturer's instructions.

Do not subject porcelain or glass bowls to any very sudden changes in temperature

Clean Motor Casing with a damp cloth. Do not immerse it.

Use a Rubber Scraper to mix down batters. Spoons or other metal utensils may get caught in the beaters and cause serious damage.

Do not try to make your mixer do too heavy work. Let manufacturer's instructions be your guide.

GALLANT GIRL GUIDE

London (CP) — Twenty-year-old Heather Barnes, killed in an air raid after rescuing an injured nurse from the bottom of a bomb crater, was awarded posthumously the Bronze Cross, highest gallantry award for Girl Guides.

The Star Still Shines

High in the Eastern sky there (shone
A glowing star
God-sent, to light the way of men
Who journeyed from afar,
To seek the Prince of Peace
A child, so newly-born,
A saying hope for weary men
Sin-sick and most forlorn.
Long years ago the star shone (bright
Today, obscured by war
But potent still, a Heavenly Guide
To God, who is near, not far.

—Janet Graham

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TO THE WOMEN OF CANADA

Here is One Big War Job which You Alone Can Do

"Ceiling Prices" Must Be Maintained

This is an appeal to the women of Canada. There is one vital part of our war effort which depends on you.

Your government has placed a "ceiling" on retail prices. You are the buyers of four out of every five dollars worth of all the goods sold in this country. Your whole-hearted help is needed in this price control plan. If every woman does her part, it cannot fail.

Its success will be a big step on the road to victory. Its failure would be a serious blow to our war effort. You can tip the balance towards success.

Will you, then, undertake to make the successful control of commodity prices an established fact? We know you will. And we know that when you undertake this task it is as good as done.

This is the work you are asked to do

1. Make a list of commodities

We want you to sit down today and make a list of the things you buy from week to week and from month to month. Write down food and clothing items in particular, because these account for the biggest share of your expenditures. But we want you to list those articles you buy at the drug store, hardware store, and other stores, too.

2. Make notes about quality

Now go over your list again and mark down the necessary details about quality, type, grade and size. Then when making future purchases you will be able to compare values as well as prices.

3. Write down prices

After each item we want you to write down, if you can, the highest price charged at your store during the period September 15 to October 11, 1941. If you cannot remember the prices charged during that period, fill in your list with today's prices. Our survey shows that retailers, with few exceptions, are keeping prices well within the "ceiling" levels. As exceptions are being discovered they are being quickly brought into line.

4. Keep this list — use it when you buy!

Make up this price list neatly and accurately. You will not be able to get all the items at once. Keep adding to your list from day to day. Make it your permanent check list—your personal safeguard against any further rise in prices.

Prices May be Different in Different Stores

There has always been a difference in prices in different stores—even stores in the same locality. This may depend on the kind of service the store gives, or the way it operates. Some stores, for instance, have delivery service, give credit, or provide other extra services.

Under the new Price Ceiling Order there will still be differences in prices at different stores. The new price regulations will not do away with competition. The highest prices in any particular store must not be higher than the highest prices in force *in that store* during the period September 15 to October 11. They may be a little lower or a little higher than the prices in other stores.

The prices *you* will mark down will be the highest prices charged at the store where *you* shop.

A Few Points to Remember

1. The ceiling price is not necessarily the price *you* paid. It is the highest price at which the store sold the particular item between September 15 and October 11.

2. A merchant may reduce his prices for sales or other reasons—he may also raise them provided they do not go above the ceiling price.

3. Variations in seasonal prices on fresh fruits and vegetables are permitted. Rulings on seasonal markets will be announced from time to time by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board in newspapers and over the radio.

4. Fill out your price list without bothering your merchant. In many cases he is making a financial sacrifice to sell under the price ceiling. The war has left him short-staffed and the Christmas rush is on.

Items most frequently bought

This is not intended as a complete list. It is simply offered as a guide. Add to it the other items you buy or expect to buy.

Item	Description (Size, Quality, etc.)	Store	Price
FOOD			
Milk			
Butter			
Eggs			
Sugar			
Tea, Coffee			
Flour			
Cereals			
Bread			
Meat			
Canned Goods			
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Laundry and cleaning			
Soaps and other cleaning agents			
Blankets, Sheets, Towels			

Item	Description (Size, Quality, etc.)	Store	Price
CLOTHING (Men's, Women's, Children's)			
Coats			
Sweaters			
Suits			
Dresses			
Skirts, Blouses			
Shirts			
Underwear			
Boots and shoes			
Rubbers, Goloshes			
Stockings			
Socks			
Hats, Gloves			

Why *you* must do your part

To ensure the success of this price control plan, every woman in Canada should make a list. Retailers are showing a splendid spirit of co-operation. The great majority of them are determined to make this plan work, but if *you* do not co-operate the whole plan might fail — prices might start to skyrocket. So keep your list handy. Check the prices you pay against it.

If a price seems higher than the ceiling, ask your merchant about it. If further information is necessary, report the full details in writing. Address your letter to the Prices and Supply Representative, Wartime Prices and Trade Board at any of the following: Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, North Bay, London, Toronto, rockville, Montreal, Quebec City, Saint John, Halifax, Charlottetown.

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News of Current SPORTS .. SHOWS & Entertainment

SKI SCHOOL AT SEIGNIORY CLUB

Seigniory Club — Peter McKinnon of Montreal has been appointed ski-ing instructor at the Seigniory Club. A former Canadian ski champion, McKinnon was instructor at the Club from 1930 until the beginning of 1940; for the past two winters he has taught ski-ing to the children of the city of Westmount, giving daily classes during the season at King George Park.

The McKinnon family name is well-known in ski-ing circles; Frank McKinnon succeeded his brother as ski champion of the Dominion and Peter himself is not only an A-1 skier, familiar with all phases of the sport from childhood, but also combines with this the capabilities of a good teacher. His ski school at the Seigniory Club during the seasons he taught there turned many tyro members and guests into proficient skiers.

A few years ago McKinnon predicted, "When women learn control on skis they'll gain mastery over many men on skis." The better women skiers, he said then, were much better than the average man, because they had developed their technique. Whether this prophecy has proved true will be shown here on February 7-8 at the ninth annual girls' inter-city ski meet, when competitors from Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec and probably some of the United States centers take part in slalom and downhill events to bid for the inter-city challenge trophy held now by McGill Ski Club, Montreal.

BRITAIN'S NEW HOSTEL TOWNS

... up her Building Bill to £1,000,000 a Day

(By Mail)

London — Hostel towns are springing up throughout Great Britain around the new factories, some of them covering a square mile of land, for making munitions and other war material.

The factories have to be built well away from congested areas, and, instead of travelling long distances backwards and forwards, employees can now live on the spot in huts built in parts elsewhere and assembled where required along with canteens, refrigerated stores, emergency hospitals and shops.

After the war, all these buildings can easily be taken down and put up again where wanted. They are a considerable item in Britain's building bill of £1,000,000 a day. Army camps and aerodromes are also going up all over the country, and for the "Home Front" there are air-raid shelters, first-aid posts, rest centres, emergency housing and feeding centres. Even temporary shops are put up in "blitzed" towns to carry on without interruption the distribution of food and other essentials. In Coventry whole rows of these shops were run up for the bombed-out traders.

Practically all this war-time building is under the direction of Government departments, working through the Ministry of Works and Public Buildings set up about a year ago under the direction of Lord Reith.

ARCADE THEATRE
BROWNSBURG

Fri., Sat., Dec. 26, 27
BACHELOR DADDY
with BABY SANDY.
THE FIREFLY
with Jeannette MacDONALD.
NEWS REEL

Sunday, Dec. 28
Mountain Rhythm
with GENE AUTRY.
ANGELS WITH DIRTY FACES
with JAMES CAGNEY and PAT O'BRIEN.
Serial, CAPTAIN MARVEL (Last Chapter)
and COMEDY

Mon., Tues., Wed., Dec. 29-30-31
North Sea Patrol
with Geofrey Toone and Judy Kelly.
Paper Bullets
with Joan Woodbury and Jack Larue.
Serial — "Terry and the Pirates" (No. 7)
NEWS

Thursday, New Year's Day
(Continuous Show)
French Program
L'Hommie de Niger
and COMEDY

REMEMBER DEC. 31 — MIDNIGHT SHOW with NEW FEATURE

Women's Teams from Brownsburg Plant in Broomball League

Brownsburg, Dec. 23 —

The members of Brownsburg's weaker (?) sex will have an opportunity to match the ice antics of their hockey playing brothers in the brand-new game of broomball. The game, which is played on ice, has many of the features of hockey, but instead of using hockey sticks the girls are armed with the traditional feminine weapon, the broom.

A broomball league consisting of four teams has been organized and a schedule is being drawn up. The teams are The Payroll Hurricanes, The Works Engineering Spitfires, D.I.L.-Gold Diggers and Personnel Defiants. The teams are being coached by four men who have taken their lives in their hands in attempting to teach a woman how to use a broom. These four courageous individuals are Hurricanes, John Hodson; Spitfires, Cameron McKenzie; Gold Diggers, Lucien Prudhomme; Defiants, Roy Bedard.

The opening game will take place shortly after Christmas.

—From "The Tracer"

TIME TO PRACTISE

Belfast (CP) — A youth who gave the Nazi salute when arraigned in police court on a charge of having 12 rounds of revolver ammunition, was sentenced to three years in prison.

It Isn't Easy !



Water skiers Ann Kimble, LEFT, and Barbara Cooper team up for the ski derby that will be one of a series of winter aquatic events at Santa Monica, Cal. The gals are easy on the eye, but what they are doing is not so easy.

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LACHUTE RED CROSS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Lachute Branch of the Red Cross Society will be held in Victoria Hall, Lachute, on Wednesday, January 7, 1942. Annual reports and election of officers.

Mrs. F. A. Brennian, Pres.
Mrs. A. Bothwell, Sec'y.
J1-2c

FIREMEN'S BALL

The 20th Annual Firemen's Ball will be held in Lachute Auditorium on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31. Plan to attend this gala night and help a worthy cause.

HEALTH ARTICLE

By Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, Pres., Chicago Board of Health

CHRONIC CONSTIPATION INVITES SERIOUS DISORDER

Constipation is not a natural condition. With plenty of liquids, proper diet and adequate exercise, this disorder usually can be prevented. However, when constipation is chronic and will not yield to these simple suggestions, the condition should receive the doctor's attention. For example, in women intestinal sluggishness may be responsible for a variety of symptoms that may be mistaken for disorders affecting the womb.

According to Dr. Charles J. Drueck of Chicago, the bowel, when overloaded, may interfere with the circulation of the blood to the womb. As a result of this, he believes that the womb may get out of its normal position and that disorders, such as painful periods and irregular periods, occur.

On the other hand, the constipation may be produced by certain disorders of the ovaries. For example, if there is a tumor of the ovary, it may cause pressure on the bowel and produce a sense of fullness or weight in the lower part of the abdomen, as well as in the back, and constipation.

There may also be pains in the hips and thighs. Then, too, the pressure may cause blocking of the circulation through the veins of the legs resulting in swelling or dilatation of these veins, producing varicose veins.

Tumors of the womb may also cause constipation. On the other hand, many times such tumors grow quite large without causing the slightest discomfort. If, however, the tumor presses upon the bowel, it may cause constipation. It does this not only by obstructing or blocking the opening through the bowel, but also by interfering with the muscular action of the bowel wall.

Inflamation of the tissues in the lower part of the abdomen, known as pelvic cellulitis, may also cause constipation. In this disorder, there is a pain in one or both sides of the lower abdomen. This pain may be almost continuous. As a result of the continued pain, the patients become nervous and fretful. Digestive disturbances are often present. Mucous colitis, a condition in which large amounts of mucus are formed in the bowel movements, is frequently present. The nervous and digestive upsets may lead to headache. Many of these patients with pelvic cellulitis are also unable to sit down comfortably because of pain in the lower part of the back.

Thus, it can be seen that not only does constipation tend to produce certain disturbances affecting the female organs, but that disturbances in these organs may often be responsible for the development of constipation.

Hence, when both constipation and pain in the lower part of the abdomen are present, there is need for thorough study to determine just what conditions exist. The use of laxatives to relieve the constipation, except under the doctor's orders, may only make the difficulty worse. If allowed to go untreated, the underlying condition responsible for the symptoms may produce some serious disorder.

Concert Troupes from Montreal at B'burg Recreation Hall

Brownsburg, Dec. 23 —

Seldom if ever, have the patrons of the Rec Hall Concert Party nights been treated to a better performance than that given by the versatile group from the North End Branch of the Y.M.C.A. Montreal, who presented their "Thumbs Up" Revue on Tuesday, December 2. From the very start, these talented artists captured their audience's interest and the continued rounds of applause bespoke the audience's appreciation of the smooth-running, flawless revue.

Billy Roberts, the show's M.C. personified the whole attitude of good-natured fun on the part of the players. Tommy Parker, as the stooge, made excellent foil for the M.C.'s sallies, while the large chorus of eye-pleasing lassies certainly kept the male members of the audience interested. Several chorus numbers included "From Taps to Reveille", the "Wild and Woolly West" and "Kiss the Boys Good-bye". Special mention to "Sparkey", the horse with terpsichorean tendencies, and to Connie Ponman, the "Blonde Boomer' whose torchy rendition of several modern numbers made the lads sit up and take notice.

Billy Roberts' nether-garment-taking technique brought the house down.

We were honoured with this group's first public presentation of the 1941-42 Revue and we are indeed grateful to them and Miss Elsie Moore, directress, for having given so freely of their limited spare time in coming to Brownsburg to entertain us so nobly. Thumbs up to "Thumbs Up" Revue.

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The Concert Party night at the Recreation Hall on Tuesday, December 9, afforded a variety of entertainment when a group forming the musical section of the Silver Bullet Club came up from Verdun Works to put on a musical show. The Silver Bullet Club was organized and sponsored by Verdun employees for the benefit and enjoyment of those employees, and the trip to Brownsburg of its musical section marked its first attempt to entertain outside of Verdun Works.

It was a highly successful show, and the various musical numbers were very well presented. The mainstay of the performance seemed to be the Men's Glee Club led by Mr. Frederick Newnham who is well-known in musical circles in Montreal, and at present organist of the Church of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's. Our old friend, Alec Clarke performed on the saxophone to advantage, and we noticed Sam Jennings and Russ Graham among the male singers. Mr. Ed White gave a very clever burlesque of Sir Harry Lauder, while Miss M. Filion rendered several vocal selections both English and French.

All in all, everybody had a good time which was climaxed when the Brownsburg Dance Band under the leadership of J. Perrett gave forth for the benefit of would-be rug-cutters.

—From "The Tracer"

She: "Is he a convincing speaker?"

Her: "I'll say he is . . . he makes a proposition sound like a proposal.



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And through all sorts of opponents to the goal can barge.
Cunning and tricky and able to fake it
Our hero still is able to take it.
And when the time comes to dish it out
Our hero is there beyond a doubt.
You can have your Fellers, your Speakers and Cobbs
And all these others acclaimed by the mobs
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—From "The Tracer"

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LOOK WHO'S LAUGHING
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NEWS OF THE DAY

Lucille Ball, Dorothy Lovett.
SUN., DEC. 28 ONE DAY ONLY
You're in the Army Now
JACKIE COOPER, Susanna Foster, Walter Abel in
GLAMOUR BOY
with Darryl Hickman, William Demarest, Jackie Pearl.
Serial : JUNIOR G-MEN

MON., TUES., WED., DEC. 29-30-31
Robert Preston, Ellen Drew, Nils Asther in
NIGHT OF JAN. 16th.
Anne Shirley, James Craig, and Charles Coburn in
UNEXPECTED UNCLE
Also : MARCH OF TIME
And NORWAY IN REVOLT

APPRECIATION

I take this opportunity of thanking my friends and neighbors for their help and kindness during the past year. One was led to realize what Burns meant when he said, "When man to man the world o'er Shall brethren be for a' that".

(Signed) David Black

"Bill, you were there when this man was shot?" the lawyer asked.

"I wuz dere when dey started shootin' 'im, white man. I din't tarry."

The lawyer smiled. "How many shots were fired?"

"Jes' one. Ah heard it twice, an' Ah ought to know."

"Heard it twice? Why, how in the world was that possible?"

The negro smiled shrewdly. "I heard dat bullet fu'st when it passed me; an' den again when I passed it."

MEDAL FOR POLICEMAN

Bootle, Eng. (CP) — Police-Sgt. Leslie G. Whyman, "Bomb Beat Officer," has been awarded the British Empire Medal for bravery during raids. Liaison officer between police and bomb disposal squads, he often has to search in the dark for unexploded bombs.

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NEWS OF THE DAY

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Ingrid BERGMAN, Warner BAXTER,
ADAM HAD FOUR SONS
Anita Louise, Bruce Bennett in
The Phantom Submarine
And a SELECTED SHORT

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Ski Slacks
Popular "Downhill" style of wind and waterproof, lined gabardine; all fully lined with pockets and slide fastener closing. Colors, navy and brown. Sizes, 14 to 20.
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